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THE REPUBLICANS ORGANIZE THE MAINE LEGISLATURE.

THE FUSIONIST LAMSON EXCITED BUT POWERLESS—NINETEEN REPUBLICAN SENATORS AND EIGHTY-FIVE ASSEMBLYMEN—A VERY QUIET PROCEEDING.

AUGUSTA, Me., Jan. 12.—At 5:40 this evening the Republican members of the Senate and House of Representatives proceeded to the State-house for the purpose of organizing the Legislature. The movement was entirely unknown to the Fusionists, and few of the Republicans, outside of the immediate members, were aware of the position of affairs. The news that the Republicans had taken possession of the State-house spread rapidly, and caused great rejoicing among the Republicans, who have been impatient to have just this result brought about. Mr. Lamson, President of the Senate, when he saw the people assembling, proceeded to Gen. Chamberlain's headquarters, and excitedly said, "I protest against these men coming in!" The General informed Mr. Lamson that he should permit the men to come in and stay as long as they pleased. There was no forcible resistance whatever. The halls were lighted, minor officers of the previous Legislatures familiar with the premises taking hold and lending their assistance.

In the Senate, the Hon. Jeremiah Dingley, Jr., called the meeting to order, and Austin Harris was called to the Chair. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. Butler, a member of the House; Charles W. Turner, Assistant Secretary of the last Senate, called the roll, and 16 Senators responded to the call. A quorum was announced present, all being Republicans, who proceeded to qualify, the oath being administered by the Hon. William M. Stratton. Andrew R. S. Smith was declared Senator from Lincoln County on the face of the returns; Joseph A. Locke was chosen President, receiving all the votes cast—19; Charles W. Tilden was chosen Secretary, and George E. Brackett, of Belfast, Assistant Secretary; Charles J. Levajoy was chosen messenger, and A. B. T. Chadbourne, assistant messenger. The following order was passed:

Ordered, That a committee, consisting of three members of the Senate, be appointed by the President to report to the Senate for its action whether the Senate shall call upon the justices of the Supreme Court for their opinion touching the legal organization of the Senate for the Fifty-ninth Legislature, and to report for the action of the Senate such questions as the law and the facts require in the premises.

The members of the House were called to order by Hiram Wentworth, of Kittery, who was made temporary Chairman, and Ozamodah Smith, Clerk, who called the roll of the members-elect. All the Republicans responded, but the Fusionists did not. Eighty-five members of the House responded to the call, and were qualified by William Stratton, Clerk of the Court of Kennebec County and *Dedimus Potestatem*. Subsequently six members, who were not, by the face of the returns, elected, on account of defects, amended under the law of 1877, were admitted by resolution submitted by Mr. Strout. George E. Weeks, of Augusta, was elected Speaker. After organization, Mr. Hale offered a similar resolution that passed by the Senate, calling for the appointment of a committee to request the opinion of the Supreme Judicial Court as to the legality of the organization of the House. In making the motion, Mr. Hale spoke of the extraordinary circumstances under which they met; said that the object of the organization was to settle the vital questions affecting the organization of the Legislature and State Government. The House will obey the decision of the court.

Mr. Hale's resolution was adopted unanimously, and A. A. Strout, of Portland; L. Hutchinson, of Lewiston, and Silas C. Hatch, of Bangor, were appointed as the committee. The following is the resolution, seating the six members who had been counted out:

Resolved, That Isaac Hanscom, of Lebanon; Edward Spaulding, of Noblesboro; George W. Hill, of Exeter; Oliver Bragdon, of Sullivan; Frank C. Mckerson, of Lincoln, and Robert M. Loring, of Perry, all in this State, be admitted to seats as members primâ facie of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-ninth Legislature of Maine, in the place of Stephen D. Lord, of Lebanon; James W. Clark, of Noblesboro; F. W. Hill, of Exeter; James W. Fye, of Sullivan; John H. Brown, of Haynesville, and James M. Leighton, of Perry, in the State of Maine.

The Fusionist House committee to investigate the charges of attempted bribery met in the Representatives' Hall. H. R. White was summoned to appear, but did not respond. He declined to recognize the authority of the committee. Swan and Harriman were interrogated in substance their testimony and statements in the House, with some additional particulars. Swan said he first learned of the bribery through J. O. White, a relative of H. R. White. Solon Chase testified that Swan called upon him at midnight of Jan. 5, at the residence of his cousin, V. B. Chase; called him up and consulted him in regard to the transaction, and drew up the statement that he was going to take the $1,000, and promise to do what he was asked to, for the sake of exposing the transaction. Chase advised him to go ahead. It appeared that no other persons witnessed the transaction in either case. Harriman testified that he at first hesitated about going into the business, but, after consulting Gove and others, concluded to do so. The investigation will be continued to-morrow.

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 12.—Dispatches from Augusta received here to-night contain interesting details of the situation in that city. The organization of the Legislature is declared to have been a well-considered project on the part of the Republicans, and was decided upon as the most practical and feasible way of getting an opinion from the Supreme Court on subjects embodied in the orders passed in the Republican House and Senate to-night. There has been a strong pressure brought to bear upon the Republicans of Maine from their party friends throughout the country. The leaders claim that they waited a while in hope that the Fusionists would take some action in relation to admitting Republicans from the disfranchised cities and towns, but waited in vain. It is hoped the Supreme Judicial Court will convene Wednesday, in which event an answer is looked for by Friday or Saturday of this week.

Augusta is crowded with politicians to-night from all parts of the State and elsewhere. The Fusionists are not dispondent, and they assert that Gen. Chamberlain has promised that they shall not be prevented from entering the respective chambers in the State-house to-morrow. The Republicans are holding the situation, to-night, and many of them are sleeping upon the desks in the Senate and House chambers, ready to begin to-morrow. They confidently express the belief that the legal opinion that has been asked for will be in their favor. Rumors of various kinds are in circulation, not among the least interesting of which is a report that Acting Gov. Lamson will to-morrow endeavor to have Gen. Chamberlain arrested by the Militia forces for his action in disregarding the protest of the former previous to the assembling of the Republican Legislature this evening.

THE FEARS OF THE FUSIONISTS.

QUALIFYING LAMSON AS ACTING GOVERNOR—WHAT WAS THOUGHT YESTERDAY MORNING.

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 12.—The *Journal's* Augusta special of last night says: "But very few of the Republican members or claimants left the city to-day, and to-night it is said that every man, except one or two, is on hand. Various rumors are afloat as to the movements of each party to-morrow. The question whether the Committee on Gubernatorial Votes will report, and whether both branches will attempt to elect a Governor to-morrow, is freely discussed. The general opinion is that they will not presume to elect a Governor as the House is at present constituted. It is asserted that leading Fusionists made overtures, to-day, for a compromise, but these were told that the affidavits of members-elect of the disfranchised cities and the Towns of Farmington and Skowhegan would insure the attendance of the Republicans. This would add 14 to the 62 Republican members. The committee finds that six persons received votes for Governor—Davis, Smith, Garcelon, Bradbury, Chamberlain, and Greenleaf. The first four would be the names from which two would have to be chosen to send to the Senate. Thus, if the House should be Republican and the Senate Fusion, a Fusion Governor would be elected. A quorum of certificated members would give the Republicans a majority of one. The Fusionists will hesitate some time before accepting these terms. The Republicans feel greatly relieved that the arms that had been in the State-house are returned to the State Arsenal in Bangor, and consider it a great move toward a peaceful solution of the difficulty. It is reported and believed by a large number of persons that the reason the galleries were not allowed to be occupied on Friday last was that orders had been given to allow certain armed men, concealed in the State Library, in case of an attempt on the part of the Republicans to capture the hall, (as the Fusionists feared,) to come down by a short cut and enter the south gallery, with loaded muskets, and command Representative Hall. The finding of muskets loaded and cartridge-boxes filled shows that bloody work was contemplated. Both parties keep their movements very cloudy to all except the members and claimants, and especially do they avoid making any disclosures to newspaper correspondents."

AUGUSTA, Me., Jan. 12.—The Fusionists are alarmed lest the Republicans intend to come in this morning and take possession of the House, but their alarm is entirely without grounds. There is no excitement whatever. Very thin houses are gathering. It having been announced that Mr. Lamson, President of the Senate, would this morning assume the duties of Governor, Gen. Chamberlain states that he shall positively refuse to recognize his claims to that position; and, furthermore, he will recognize no one as Governor who shall be chosen by the Legislature as at present constituted.

On the assembling of the Senate this morning, President Lamson sent a letter announcing that he had assumed the duties of Governor. The letter was the same as was telegraphed last night. Senator Ellis, of Waldo, was chosen President pro tem. The Committee on Gubernatorial Votes reported the following votes as thrown at the last September election: Whole number of votes, 138,807; necessary to a choice, 69,404; Daniel F. Davis had 68,770; Joseph L. Smith, 47,469; Alonzo Garcelon, 21,844; Bion Bradbury, 263; Daniel F. David, 200. The remainder are scattering, and the Constitution candidates are Daniel F. Davis, Joseph L. Smith, Alonzo Garcelon, and Bion Bradbury.

On the proposition of the Senate to hold a joint convention for the purpose of qualifying the acting Governor, Mr. Locke, of Cumberland, made a long speech, in which he reviewed the action of the Governor and Council, and took up the cases of the counted-out members and the grounds upon which they were counted out. Mr. Locke claimed that the certificates issued by the Governor and Council to those not chosen were not legal, and the acts passed by such a body would not be recognized by the courts or obeyed by the people. Messrs. Barker and Strickland replied claiming that to all intents and purposes this was a legal Legislature, the members holding certificates from the Governor and Council; they meant, as honorable gentlemen, to do the fair thing when an investigation should take place before the proper committee of the Legislature. The joint convention was formed, and in presence of the Secretary of State and several members of the Council, John D. Lamson took the oath and was proclaimed acting Governor of the State. Only 60 members were present in the House, and it adjourned without transacting any business.

It is understood that the Fusionists will proceed at once to the election of Governor and all State officers. This is the general feeling. It is still claimed that Lamson will not be recognized as Governor by Gen. Chamberlain.

Gen. Chamberlain has issued the following order:

HEAD-QUARTERS FIRST DIVISION MAINE MILITIA, AUGUSTA, Jan. 12, 1880.

General Order No. 3.—*First*—The attention of all military organizations now in the service of the State and of all men liable to military duty in this State is directed to the following orders:

STATE OF MAINE, ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE, AUGUSTA, Jan. 5, 1880.

General Order No. 12.—*First*—The several counties of this State are constituted into the First Division of Militia of Maine.

Second—Major-Gen. Joshua L. Chamberlain is assigned to the command of the First Division.

Third—The commanding officers of all military organizations accepted into the service of the State are required to report to him. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

By order of the Governor and Commander-in-Chief.
S. D. LEAVITT, Adjutant-general.

STATE OF MAINE, ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE, AUGUSTA, Jan. 5, 1880.

Special Order No. 44.—Major-Gen. Joshua L. Chamberlain is hereby authorized and directed to protect public property and institutions of State until my successor is duly qualified. ALONZO GARCELON, Governor.

Second—I am now discharging the duties thus devolved on me in protecting public property and institution of State, until a Governor is legally elected and duly qualified.

Third—Particular attention is called to the law rendering it unlawful for any body of men other than the regularly organized corps of Militia, without authority expressly given, to associate themselves together as a military company, organization, or to parade in public with arms.

Fourth—All persons and organizations will take notice accordingly, and all authorized military organizations will understand that they are to report to me for orders, until they are otherwise ordered by me or through me. JOSHUA L. CHAMBERLAIN, Major-General.

[Official.]
FRANK E. NYE, Major and Assistant Adjutant-General.

SILLY FUSIONIST LIES EXPOSED.

MR. FRYE SHOWS THAT MR. SPRINGER'S STORIES OF INTIMIDATION AND RUFFIANISM ARE NOT TRUE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Richard M. Springer, who has been trying to explain the action of the Fusionists in Maine, to the Greenbackers of Washington, is the proprietor of a Greenback paper in Chicago, and in the Maine campaign he made 40 or 50 speeches. He declares that an investigation after the election showed that 12,000 legal voters in Maine lost their votes through intimidation or purchase by the Republicans, and that almost without exception these men were Greenbackers or Democrats. He brought to this city some affidavits in support of these charges. He asserts that a Government contractor, whose factory is near the line which divides two towns, compelled 46 of his 50 employes to stay away from the polls on election day by threatening to deprive them of work if they voted anything except the Republican ticket, and that the remaining four disregarded his command, and in consequence were discharged. This manufacturer's action, he claims, resulted in the election of two Republican Representatives who would otherwise have been defeated. No such intimidation, he says, was practiced by the Fusionists. "The great mass of evidence," says Mr. Springer, "which we laid before Gov. Garcelon and the Council was his only justification and reason for rigidly carrying out the technical demands of the law. Of course, I cannot say that without this evidence he would not have acted in the same way, but I think that if it had not been placed before him he would have merely observed the spirit of the law as his predecessors had done. He was greatly chagrined at the result of his application to the Supreme Court. I was afraid when I came here that the Republicans would win by the aid of the United States Government, but now I think they have surrendered." Mr. Springer persists in saying that when the House was organized, the State-house was full of ruffians hired by the Republicans, and that when the Republicans adjourned a deadly conflict was averted only by great tact and self-restraint on the part of the Fusionists. These ruffians, he says, were let in through the windows, and in a moment the clicking of revolvers could be heard on all sides.

Congressman Frye, who has just returned from Maine, characterizes the greater part of Springer's statements as the most absurd nonsense. He says that the campaign was the most thorough and brilliant one ever held in Maine, and that the Fusionists could not have lost 12,000 votes by intimidation, for the reason that their vote surpassed in numbers the most sanguine expectations of the leaders of the Fusion Party. Such intimidation as Springer describes, he asserts, is out of the question in Maine or any other State of New-England, and would not have taken place. As for the purchase of votes, he refers to the case of the City of Lewiston, in which money could not be raised to pay even the ordinary expenses of the Republican Party, ($138,) until a gentleman, after the election, contributed $198. He declares that every statement made in the Boston *Globe*, charging corruption or intimidation, has been completely disproved whenever names and localities have been mentioned so that investigation could be made. As to the charges of bribery in the cases of Swan and Harriman, he declares that no money was given to them by any person acting for the Republican Party or prominently connected with it, and after a careful inquiry he believes that no money was paid to these men by any one, but that the charges were made up to affect public sentiment, and to create a pressure which would prevent any Fusionist who had received a certificate from absenting himself from the State-house if he had made up his mind to do so.

Mr. Frye characterizes Springer's description of the scenes in the State-house as grossly incorrect. It was hard to find a Democrat or a Greenbacker in the vicinity, and the Republicans present were thoroughly respectable gentlemen. They outnumbered the Fusionists six to one, and could easily have thrown them all out of the window. Such a course, he says, would have been the easiest adjustment of the difficulty. No one came in at the windows, but all present passed through the great doors in an orderly manner. The only circumstance which looked like violence was the presence of a Fusion guard with arms, in the State-house. Of these armed men, seven had served terms in the State Prison, and one was a deserter from the United States Army, who has since been arrested. No attempt was made to move the Assistant Clerk from his seat, and the son of Senator Blaine did not attempt to take away his gavel. The Assistant Clerk was continually pounding with the gavel, and Mr. Frye is of the opinion that young Blaine once put his hand on the gavel, but with no intention of disturbing it. His hand remained there only a moment and, at the time the gavel lay upon the table. Mr. Frye thinks that Springer's description of the trick played upon Mr. Hale is probably correct, but he does not regard such a trick as anything for honest men to boast of. He quotes the expressions of many Fusionists, made before and on the day of the election, which showed that the determination to count the Republicans out had been reached a long time before. The preparation of 10 blanks for cities, with room for the signature of only three Aldermen, has been described in the press dispatches. The Fusionists laid another trap for the cities, all of which, except one, were considered Republican. The blanks prepared by Eben F. Pillsbury, the Fusion State Printer, and sent to the cities, were addressed to the City Marshal, and they bore printed directions for their return through the City Marshal. This officer is not recognized by the Constitution, and no such provision had been placed on blanks for cities in previous elections. Some of the cities saw the trick, and by legal advice had the directions changed, so that the papers were sent to and returned from the proper officer.

MR. STERNE'S RAILROAD BILL.

THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE DISAVOW ANY CONNECTION WITH IT—THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NOT FINISHED.

ALBANY, Jan. 12.—Mr. Hepburn and his colleagues on the Special Railroad Committees were very much surprised, and not a little indignant, when, upon taking up the New-York papers of to-day, they found what purported to be a copy of a bill, embodying the results of their investigations, which they intended to introduce in the present session of the Legislature. Mr. Hepburn, Mr. Husted, Mr. Baker, Mr. Wadsworth, and Mr. Terry all agree in repudiating the Railway bill as emanating from the committee, and Mr. Hepburn, while conversing very moderately on the subject, is emphatic in his disapproval of the method of misleading the public, while he does not indorse the measure proposed.

In talking about the matter to-night, Mr. Hepburn said: "The main investigation by the Special Railroad Committee of the Assembly of 1879 closed about Dec. 1. We gave to Chauncey M. Depew and Judge Shipman, counsel of the railway companies, and to Mr. Simon Sterne, counsel to the Chamber of Commerce, an opportunity, in completing their statements, to make such arguments as they considered the occasion called for. The offer was accepted, and Mr. Sterne saw fit, in preparing his argument, to include in it a bill which, he suggested, should be presented to the Legislature. This bill proposed a revision of the railway laws, and was intended to supercede all laws previously enacted for the regulation of railways by the State Government. This bill Mr. Sterne has just handed into the Railroad Committee, just as an attorney in closing an argument in court might hand up a brief. The same bill is that published this morning in several of the New-York papers. There have been instances where briefs have been accepted, but they are of rare occurrence." Mr. Hepburn said further that the committee listened for six days to the arguments of counsel, giving two days to each speaker, and that their counsel understood its work from argument. This process consumed a good deal of time, and while Judge Shipman and Mr. Depew have each sent copies of their speeches to the committee, nothing has thus far been received from Mr. Sterne, except this voluminous bill which has been published as the embodiment of the result of the committee's labors. Any advantage that the committee might have been able to derive from the advice of the counsel has thus been lost. The published bill is in no sense a representation of the views of the committee. It is merely an embodiment of Mr. Sterne's own views, and the Railroad Committee declines to stand sponsor for it.

Mr. Baker and Mr. Wadsworth coincide in the views expressed by Mr. Hepburn. There is a good deal of speculation here as to the cause for inducing the newspapers to publish the Sterne bill at this time, and with its accompanying representations, and not a few persons are impressed with the idea that it could have been published for no other than stock-jobbing purposes. The report of the committee is not yet finished, but a great deal of work is being done upon it every day, and it will be presented at the earliest possible moment.

WHAT MR. STERNE SAYS.

Mr. Simon Sterne, counsel of the Chamber of Commerce during the investigation into railroad abuses carried on by the Hepburn Legislative Investigating Committee, when questioned yesterday as to his opinion of the bill, whose substance was given in THE TIMES, said that it was a much better one than he expected. He expressed his regret, however, that it had been prematurely made public, as he feared that now the committee might be induced to change their minds in regard to reporting it, and might consequently report a greatly modified bill.

SENATOR LAMAR SERIOUSLY ILL.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 12.—A special dispatch from Jackson, Miss., says: "Senator Lamar was stricken with paralysis here last night. Considerable uneasiness is felt as to his condition. The attending physicians pronounce his case hopeful."

A MISSING GIRL FOUND.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 12.—Miss Mary E. Ash, the young girl who so mysteriously disappeared from Chester on Jan. 1, has been found, apparently in good health. She was brought to Chester Saturday night, and is now at the house of Henry Goff, where she lived before the scandal. Goff is still missing. The girl is very indignant over the scandal, and claims to have been visiting a friend in this city. Miss Ash is the girl who, it was supposed, was the victim of malpractice, and her disappearance caused a great sensation.

JAY GOULD BUYING COAL LAND.

BUCKINGANY, Kan., Jan. 12.—Large tracts of coal land east of this city have recently been purchased by T. J. Potter, President of the Carbon Coal and Mining Company, but the deeds are all made out to Jay Gould and Russell Sage.

AFFAIRS IN FOREIGN LANDS

THE STATE OF ANARCHY IN AFGHANISTAN.

THE LEADER OF THE HERATI TROOPS PUT TO DEATH AT KANDAHAR—YAKOOB KHAN'S ELDEST SON PUT FORWARD AS THE HEIR TO THE THRONE.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—A dispatch from Kandahar says: "The leader of the Herati troops has been decoyed into the city and put to death by Ayoob Khan. No reports have reached here confirming the announcement that Abdul Rahman Khan, the pretender to the Afghan throne, had arrived at Balkh."

A correspondent at Kabul telegraphs as follows: "Last week I mentioned that the Fortress of Ghazni was held in our interest by Abdul Kadir. I have now to report that the custodians of the boy Moosa Khan, the eldest son of Yakoob Khan, have obtained an entrance into it. At first I was inclined to attribute little political importance to the abstraction of Moosa Khan. In this, perhaps, I was mistaken, and the fact of Ghazni having opened its gates to receive him, indicates that the nomination of this child as Ameer may prove a difficulty in the way of speedy tranquility. The disaffected may be disposed to make him the rallying point as the lawfully proclaimed successor of his father. If such proceedings should seem to obtain any measure of national approval they might possibly be utilized toward a solution of the present difficulties, but Moosa Khan is at present in the hands of the military adventurer, Mohammed Jan, and a fanatical old priest named Moushi Alum. With this unimportant exception he is not supported by any sirdar of birth. His mother is with Gen. Roberts, and is most anxious that he should return to Kabul. Gen. Roberts's efforts are being directed to breaking up the party which is using the boy as a tool. It was better that Moosa should have been taken to Ghazni than to Turkestan. The Hazara people are in our interest, and may make a future exit from Ghazni difficult for Mohammed Jan and his adherents."

PARIS, Jan. 12.—The Russian press and various Continental special correspondents freely discuss the probabilities of the British occupation of Herat.

LONDON, Jan. 13.—A correspondent at Kabul reports that Mahomed Jan having surrounded Ghazni with a strong force, killed the Governor, Abdul Kadir, and looted the city. He is now endeavoring to raise the tribes to attack the British. The priest, Moushi Alum, has severed his connection with Mahomed Jan, in consequence of the behavior of the insurgents in looting Kabul.

THE EUROPEAN STATE QUARRELS.

MORE RUMORS OF IMPENDING WAR—RUSSIAN MILITARY MOVEMENTS.

VIENNA, Jan. 12.—The *Presse* is of the opinion that a collision between Russia and England is inevitable. The *Presse* says that Gen. Skobeleff recently declared at a banquet that Russia is on the eve of her national war.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—A Berlin dispatch says: "Russia has been questioned relative to the concentration of troops in Poland, and has replied that as there is no longer any danger of a collision with Turkey, the regiments hitherto stationed in Crimea and Bessarabia are merely withdrawn to Poland as a more convenient district."

A dispatch from Berlin says: "Particular attention is now being paid here to the development of affairs in France. It was hoped that time would remove national antipathies, and that war might be altogether avoided; but this hope has been much shaken by recent events in France. The new French Cabinet, and particularly M. De Freycinet, the Premier, is mistrusted, the latter being regarded as a creature of M. Gambetta."

LONDON, Jan. 13.—A dispatch from Vienna says: "The information possessed by military circles here respecting the distribution of Russian troops along the Austro-Russian frontier, by no means confirms the rumors of unusual concentrations along the western frontiers of Russia. These rumors they, in great part, have arisen from the circumstance that as a consequence of the experience acquired during the Turkish war, the whole Russian military organization is in a state of transition.

INCREASING DISTRESS IN IRELAND.

MANY OF THE PEOPLE ON THE BRINK OF STARVATION—THE SEDITION CASES.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—The correspondents of the Press Association report that the distress in Ireland is increasing. Five hundred inhabitants of the Skuiebog district, County Limerick, are on the brink of starvation. They proceeded today in a body to Croom, and obtained four cartloads of bread by the urgent representation of their extremity.

The streets of Cork are patrolled by mounted Police, and the magistrates of that city have passed resolutions urging greater activity in suppressing demonstrations partaking of the nature of bread riots, and asking for the appointment of additional Police.

At a meeting at Birkenhead, yesterday, the Mayor presiding, it was resolved to raise a subscription for the Duchess of Marlborough fund.

Messrs. Davitt, Daly, Killen, and Brennan to-day received notices commanding them to appear before the Court of Queen's Bench, Dublin, on the 16th inst.

At the Roman Catholic churches in the Diocese of Southwark, yesterday, a letter from the Bishop to the clergy on the subject of the distress in Ireland was read, and a fund collected, which it is anticipated will reach £1,000.

LONDON, Jan. 13.—A Dublin dispatch says that, although the Government have summoned Messrs. Davitt, Daly, Killen, and Brennan to appear before the Court of Queen's Bench, it is not expected that any further proceedings will be taken against them.

THE CUBAN REFORM QUESTIONS.

POLITICAL TROUBLES EXPECTED—A PETITION BY THE ABOLITION SOCIETY.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—A dispatch from Paris says: "Gen. Martinez-Campos is said to intend quitting Spain, an act construed as an expectation of political troubles."

A Madrid dispatch says: "The Abolition Society has placarded throughout the city the petition recently addressed to the Cortes for the immediate and complete abolition of slavery in all the Spanish possessions. It is signed by Sedores Ply-Margall and Figueras and many other Republicans, and some Liberal West Indian members of the Chamber of Deputies."

MADRID, Jan. 12.—The Minister of Colonies has promised the Cuban Deputies to present a scheme of economic reforms in Cuba to the Chambers at the end of the present session or the commencement of the next.

CURRENT FOREIGN TOPICS.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—A Paris dispatch says that M. Henrie Rochfort has become the leading contributor to the *Rappel*, Republican newspaper of Paris.

A dispatch from Rome says: "Very sad accounts are given of the condition of the populations in the Northern provinces of the former Kingdom of Naples, where fever is epidemic over large districts. In a population of 62,000 the sick number 33,000 persons. The deaths from July to December, 1879, numbered 3,423."

BERLIN, Jan. 12.—The Russian budget for the year 1880 shows an exact balance between the income and expenditure of the Empire, each being 660,000,000 rubles.

MR. WEBSTER'S JEALOUSY.

HARTFORD, Conn., Jan. 12.—Dr. George F. Hawley, who was shot by Charles M. Webster on Saturday, in a fit of jealousy, is recovering. The pistol-ball is still lodged in his arm or shoulder. It did not penetrate his body, as was at first supposed. Mr. Webster and his wife are, apparently, coming to a better understanding, and it is doubtful if they separate. Her statements to-day are contradictory of those made to the Chief of Police on Saturday. She now says she did not call to Dr. Hawley to come into the house, but the Doctor and his hired man say she did. She denies that she has ever been criminally intimate with the Doctor, and her husband evidently believes her.

PRESERVING REPUBLICAN HARMONY.

FOILING AN ATTEMPT TO SECURE PERSONAL ENDS IN SCHUYLKILL COUNTY.

POTTSVILLE, Penn., Jan. 12.—A most audacious attempt to capture the Republican county organization was signally defeated here to-day. A new rule of the party in this [Schuylkill] county requires that the Chairman of the County Convention should appoint, in the January following, the members of the County Standing Committee. In this case, the Chairman was Andrew Comerry, editor of a weekly paper in Mahanoy City. The committee was announced last week and called to meet for organization in Pottsville this morning. It has been known for some time that Comerry was working in the interest of Daniel Barlow, ex-County Treasurer, who is a relative of Comerry, and who aspires to the position of Boiler Inspector for this district, an appointive State office worth from $8,000 to $10,000 a year. When the committee was announced, it was found that both Comerry and Barlow had places on it; that about a dozen other personal relatives of Barlow were provided for, and that everybody who was known to be favorable to the Mahanoy City candidate was there, while a great many influential Republican names were conspicuous by their absence. Stories of bribery and unlawful influencing soon spread, and, during the five days between the publishing of the committee and its assembling for organization, a very bitter opposition to the Barlow movement sprang up, directed ostensibly against Comerry, who was himself a candidate for permanent Chairman. Among the men he had slighted in making up the committee was W. D. Seltzer, of Pottsville, a lawyer, and a member of the faction headed by ex-Representative Losch, the party which elected Comerry. Seltzer had placed Comerry under obligations to him, and when it was found that he had been overlooked the Losch faction turned against Comerry and fought him furiously.

The convention hall was the scene this morning of a most animated battle. Losch had himself placed in nomination for the Chairmanship, but after both parties had exhausted themselves in their efforts to outvote each other he withdrew in favor of Gen. J. K. Siegfried, who was also nominated and who was then elected by a large majority, which was subsequently made unanimous. Gen. Siegfried is the present Boiler Inspector, and his election puts an end to the Barlow movement. It also puts an end to Comerry's disgraceful attempt to elect himself, and, as the General is an absolute n of no faction, his election is hailed with satisfaction by all the best element of the party. He is regarded as the best man that could have been selected for the position, and under his charge the party will be united and harmonious, something that it has not been for three years. The meeting unanimously passed resolutions indorsing John A. M. Passmoore, of this place, for Auditor-General, and instructing the Schuylkill delegates to the State Convention to demand his nomination. Mr. Passmoore was the defeated candidate for this office in 1877. He has been working hard for a renomination, and claims to have a good prospect of success.

THE NEW GOVERNOR OF OHIO.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 12.—The inaugural ceremonies took place at the State Capitol to-day at 2 o'clock, in the presence of a large assemblage, military and civil, gathered from all portions of the State. The effect of the military parade was marred by a snow-storm, the streets being filled with slush and mud. Gov. Bishop introduced his successor in a few words as the chosen ruler of the State. Governor-elect Foster delivered a brief inaugural address on assuming the duties of the chief Executive office of the State, saying that he had little to add to recommendations by his immediate and distinguished predecessor. He emphasized ex-Gov. Bishop's suggestions under the headings of Penal Institutions, Insane Asylums, Board of State Charities, State University, and Ohio River Navigation, dwelling particularly upon the wise discretion which should be exercised in using the Executive power of pardoning criminals. He thought that protection of society demanded that criminals should be made to feel the certainty of conviction, coupled with the almost hopelessness of Executive clemency. He recommended the establishment of an Advisory Board of Pardons. This was rather pointed, as ex-Gov. Bishop had been exercising Executive clemency for the last few months at the rate of nearly one pardon in every two days, extending over sentences for life down to sentences for two years.

ICE MOVING IN THE HUDSON.

BROKEN UP IN MANY PLACES—ICE HARVESTERS DISCOURAGED.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Jan. 12.—The extraordinary thaw which commenced two weeks ago has had a most disheartening effect upon all who are interested in ice-cutting upon the Hudson, and hundreds of families who depend upon that industry are suffering for want of work. Last night the river here was filled with masses of floating ice, some of it coming down in heavy fields, and boatmen in charge of vessels along the piers got out extra lines to prevent their craft being torn from the fastenings. From here to Rhinebeck very little ice is visible, and a boat would have no trouble in getting through to Kingston Creek. North of Rhinebeck the river is full of ice fields, floating with the tide. Saugerties Creek is free of ice, and the ice is broken up at Tivoli, the little steamer Jonty Jenks carrying passengers to and from the cars. North of Tivoli a canal-boat is floating down the stream in the centre of an ice-field. At Catskill the steamer Export, which laid frozen in the middle of the stream, has gained the pier, and all the ice has moved out with the tide, and Catskill Creek is broken up. From Catskill north the ice is still solid from shore to shore. Foot-crossing at Hudson is unsafe, however. At Coxsackie the ice is very weak, and is liable to break up at any moment. Passengers compelled to cross on foot find it very dangerous, and boats on runners are used, on which people are shoved across by guides. The ice is hardly five inches thick, and spongy. The same state of affairs is noticeable at Stuyvesant, Schodack, and Castleton. At Albany the ice moved from in front of the city this morning, and lodged below, but the back water has not yet assumed a serious aspect. At 11 A. M. the wind changed to the north. If the warm weather continues 48 hours longer, all the ice in the Hudson will be on the move.

A PROVIDENCE CLOTHIER SUSPENDS.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 12.—Abner J. Barnaby, a clothier, has made an assignment to Henry B. Winship, of the firm of J. B. Barnaby & Co. Liabilities about $50,000, chiefly in Boston and New-York.

KILLING HIS WIFE AND HIMSELF.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 12.—Capt. W. G. Wilkinson, leader of the band at the National Soldiers' Home, shot his wife and then himself some time during the night. Both are dead. For 10 days Wilkinson had been drinking deeply, and on Saturday his wife obtained from Gen. Hincks an order stopping his beer. This made him low-spirited and morose. On Monday he came to this city and returned home after getting several drinks, where he found his wife answering an advertisement for a companion to a sick lady. The manner of their quarrel and of the tragedy is unknown. The wife was found lying on her face, a jagged hole behind the ear, through which the brain oozed. Wilkinson lay on the threshold of the door leading to the bedroom, his head having struck the foot of the bed, in which their youngest child, 4 months old, lay. Near him was a five-chambered revolver, with three discharged cartridges. Their two other children, girls of 2 and 3 years, and a neighbor's boy of 10, slept in the next room, but heard neither the quarrel nor the shots. The oldest little girl, before being taken to the Home said: "My mamma died. My papa made her die." Wilkinson served as Band-master in the Seventy-first Pennsylvania Regiment.

THE PLOT AGAINST KELLOGG.

GEN. SYPHER CONTRADICTS SOME OF THE DEMOCRATIC SLANDERS—OTHER WITNESSES FOR MR. KELLOGG.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections this morning resumed the taking of testimony in the Kellogg-Spofford case.

Gen. J. H. Sypher, ex-Congressman from Louisiana, was called in further rebuttal of the testimony of Barney Williams, given before the sub-committee at New-Orleans, one of Williams's statements being that Sypher was present in Senator Kellogg's room, at Willard's Hotel, on the night of June 4 last, and witnessed a distribution of money by Kellogg to five specified witnesses, whom he [Williams] had conducted thither. Mr. Sypher this morning testified that he was in Kellogg's room twice during the evening, between the hours of 7 and 8, and about 12 o'clock, but swore positively that he did not see any of the five witnesses, and that neither then nor at any other time had he seen Kellogg give money to these or any other witnesses. He also testified that he saw no drinking or merry-making such as Williams alleges was in progress in Kellogg's room on that evening.

In response to questions by Senator Hill, Gen. Sypher further testified that the only two persons he remembered seeing in Kellogg's room that evening, besides the Senator and perhaps Mr. Clark, his secretary, were John A. Walsh and William L. Randall. He had no knowledge of Randall going to the depot to meet the witnesses, and has not himself ever had any conversation of any consequence with any of them.

On redirect examination by Judge Shellabarger, with reference to Williams's assertion that Kellogg kept him [Williams] well-supplied with money while here, Gen. Sypher testified that Williams said he was out of money, and wanted to borrow from him [Gen. Sypher] in July, but he refused to lend.

John A. Walsh was recalled, and cross-examined by Judge Merrick. The object of his visit to New-Orleans in November, was to attend the trial of a criminal suit brought against him under several indictments, which charged him with having defrauded the Government. He had defeated the Government in a civil suit for $23,000, and also in a coincident criminal action for refusing to produce certain books; had been in the distilling business, but since Mr. Bristow made it illegal to manufacture whisky, he had retired from the business on high moral grounds, and not because he was hopeless of concealing it from Mr. Bristow. [Laughter.] Neither in this business nor in his two mail contracts had Mr. Kellogg ever had any interest. He also swore that he had never had any conversation with Senator Kellogg in regard to the subject matter upon which he was to testify, except casually to refresh his memory concerning dates, &c. He knew of no reason why he was not called for examination at New-Orleans, unless it was his expressed "reluctance to be mixed up with the investigation in any way."

The committee then took a recess until after the adjournment of the Senate.

At the afternoon session, Mr. Brown, the night clerk at Willard's Hotel, on the 4th of June, 1879, testified that he believed the five men specified did not visit Mr. Kellogg's room after 12 o'clock on that night, and was quite positive that they could not have entered and left the hotel without his observing them.

Mr. W. L. Randall, of Louisiana, testified that he was in Kellogg's room at about 12:30 that night, and that when he left he saw Mr. Walsh in Kellogg's room, with his coat off, reclining on a lounge.

Senator Hill then cross-examined Mr. Randall with reference to the testimony of witnesses who had several years ago sworn that they would not believe him under oath, apparently with a view to impeach his veracity as a witness.

Mr. Wilson, counsel for Mr. Kellogg, moved to strike from the record this portion of the testimony, and said that no court in Christendom would allow the introduction of what occurred in another tribunal for the purpose of affecting the evidence of a witness testifying before it. The only proper way, he said, to impeach the witness would be to call witnesses from the locality where Mr. Randall lived. To do otherwise would be in violation of the plainest principles of law.

The committee refused to strike out the testimony and proceeded with the examination of Randall, but without eliciting any new facts of importance. The committee soon afterward adjourned.

TROUBLESOME INDIAN TRIBES.

SECRETARY SCHURZ HAS A CONFERENCE WITH OURAY—HOSTILITIES IN NEW-MEXICO AND ON THE RIO GRANDE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Secretary Schurz had a long conference with Chief Ouray to-day. The examination of the entire delegation will probably not occur for a day or two. The Secretary said, in reply to an inquiry, that he did not at present desire to say anything regarding his conference with Ouray, and that he had not yet decided whether he would hold an open council

Nov. 6, 1879, show that during the period from Jan. 1, 1872, to Jan. 31, 1879, the Consul at Hong Kong collected emigration fees to the amount of $11,189 in excess of the amount accounted for to the United States Treasury, and also that the Consul, by charging $4 50 and $6 50 each for quadruplicate and quintuplicate invoices, instead of the legal fee of $2 50, collected $2,466 more than he gave credit to the United States for on the report of Treasury fees. Gen. Stahel further reports the following "irregularities," which he says were brought to his notice, but in regard to which he does not, in his report, furnish any figures:

First—No credit was given to the United States Government for bills of health issued by the consulate to vessels under foreign flags nor for cattle disease certificates.

Second—No credit appears in the records of Treasury fees for certificates given to masters of foreign vessels carrying Chinese emigrants to the United States.

Third—No entry had been made in the ship's daily journal since June 12, 1871, and no entry in the seamen's register from Oct. 1, 1876, to Dec. 31, 1877.

In a subsequent dispatch, dated Hiogo, Oct. 24, Gen. Stahel writes as follows: "I have the honor to inform you that by yesterday's mail I received a letter from J. B. Mosby, United States Consul at Hong Kong, dated Oct. 4, 1879, in which he says that he has discovered additional wrongs in the Hong Kong Consulate, mostly in the shipping and discharge of seamen. He puts the amount of fees received and not accounted for, for such services at no less a figure than $25,000, in substantiation of which statement he informs me that he has the duplicate shipping articles of the Pacific Mail steamers. He further refers to a large amount of extra wages, passport fees, &c., as not being credited, and invites me to return to Hong Kong for the purpose of taking supplemental evidence. Should it be the pleasure of the department to order my return to Hong Kong, I am ready to start at any time, but don't feel myself authorized to do so without further special orders." Gen. Stahel, in this dispatch, refers to the statement of his previous report about the omission of all entries in the ship's journal and seamen's register for a number of years in explanation of his inability at the time of that examination, to find out what services were rendered to American seamen, which circumstance, he intimates, absolves him from responsibility for failing to discover the additional frauds indicated by Col. Mosby.

NEW-JERSEY LEGISLATURE.

THE CLAIMANTS OF THE VARIOUS OFFICES—REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS FOR THE HOUSE.

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 12.—Not in many years has so much excitement attended the preliminaries of the organization of the House to-morrow. The hotels are crowded with people representing all varieties of interest. Not much excitement, however, attends the struggle for places within the gift of the Senate. Major-Gen. Sewell and Senator G. A. Hobart, of Paterson, were early in the race for the Presidency of the Senate. Party usage entitled Gen. Sewell, who had presided over the Senate for two years, to a third term, and Senator Hobart's movement was probably merely a diversion to command for his candidate the Secretaryship of the body. Gen. Sewell, when he reached Trenton to-day, found the coast entirely free. George Wurts, of the Paterson *Press*, is Senator Hobart's nominee for the Secretaryship. Opposed to him is Caleb Swayze, of Warren County. It was mainly through Mr. Swayze's instrumentality that the Democratic frauds were unearthed in Warren County. There seems to be little competition for the other Senate places. William T. Hunt, of Newark, was booked early this evening for the Reading Clerkship, and F. F. Paterson, a third-term man, like Gen. Sewell, for the Engrossing Clerkship.

The mildness of the contest for Senate places is in striking contrast with the warmth of the canvass among the members of the other house. The only place that seems to be conceded is the Clerkship. The Hon. C. O. Cooper takes that, under the two-term rule which prevails in House caucuses. Herbert C. Potts, of Hudson, would have taken the Reading Clerkship under the same rule, if he had not risen to the dignity of a member. The Hudson members, in caucus, have concluded to urge Asa W. Dickinson for the place. Burlington County is pressing a candidate upon the attention of the members.

The main interest centres around the candidate for the Speakership. West Jersey came to Trenton to-day with a delegation almost solid for S. B. Ovlatt, of Monmouth. Ovlatt comes from a strong Democratic county, and his friends press his candidacy because of the splendid work the Republicans of that county did in the last campaign. Union County presents two candidates—Assemblymen Styles and Vernon. The Union delegation are rather disposed to favor Styles. Essex County supports Assemblyman Van Duyne. But the mammoth corporations of the State have actively interested themselves in the fight. The Pennsylvania Railroad is said to be exerting its influence in behalf of Mr. Ovlatt. The New-Jersey Central is understood to support any of the other candidates who can beat Ovlatt. John D. Fell was the Sergeant-at-Arms last year, but he is placed beyond the protection of the two-term rule by the fact that he has already had his two terms. Major Way, of Middlesex, and ex-Assemblyman Joseph Wightman, who was Speaker Jackson's private secretary last year, are also in the field.

Thus matters stood before the Republicans held their caucus this evening; then the following nominations were made:

Speaker—Sherman B. Ovlatt, of Monmouth; Clerk—C. O. Cooper, of Morris; Reading Clerk—Asa W. Dickinson, of Hudson; Sergeant-at-Arms—John D. Fell, of Mercer; Engrossing Clerk—G. C. Wynkoop, of Camden; Journal Clerk—Andrew J. Clark, of Essex.

LOSSES BY FIRE.

A fire at Salem Depot, N. H., yesterday, originating from an explosion of naphtha, burned Evans's Patent Cloth Mill, Mead's building in which was the grocery store of I. P. Mead, the telegraph office and Post Office, and a shoe shop. Some large store-houses adjoining were also burned. The postal matter was saved. The total loss is $20,000. Mead's and Evans's buildings were partially insured.

The picking and lapper department of the Munson Manufacturing Company, at Cohoes, N. Y., a three-story brick building adjacent to the mill proper, was destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon. The loss on building, stock, and machinery is $12,000, which is fully covered by insurance.

At 2 o'clock yesterday morning the stable of Grotius Fox, carpenter, at No. 16 Pearl-street, Paterson, N. J., was destroyed by fire, damaging Mr. Fox's carpenter shop adjoining. A horse in the stable was also burned. The loss is estimated at $500; not insured.

The house of Henry Iden, at Bayonne-avenue and Avenue D, Bayonne, N. J., was discovered to be on fire at 2:15 yesterday morning. The damage was about $350. The fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin.

Fobs & Cargell's woolen mills, at Ashuelot, N. H., were burned yesterday morning. The buildings were owned by Colony & Dickinson. Loss on stock, $12,000; on buildings, $5,000.

A slight fire damaged the fire-engine house at Pittsfield, Mass., yesterday, to the extent of about $2,000.

ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

Gen. Nelson A. Miles, United States Army, is at the Brevoort House.

F. Gordon Dexter, of Boston, is at the Fifth-Avenue Hotel.

Judge Nathaniel Shipman, of Hartford, is at the Albemarle Hotel.

Edward Claxton, of Philadelphia, is at the Metropolitan Hotel.

Benjamin Stark, of New-London, Conn., is at the New-York Hotel.

Ex-Senator J. R. West, of Louisiana, is at the St. James Hotel.

Congressman William Lounsbery, of Kingston, N. Y., is at the Park-Avenue Hotel.

Rear-Admiral C. S. Boggs, United States Navy, and Gen. Benjamin Alvord, United States Army, are at the Starbuck House.

Gov. Redfield Proctor, of Vermont, and ex-Congressman E. R. Morgan, of Auburn, N. Y., are at the St. Nicholas Hotel.

Ex-Gov. Alexander H. Rice, of Massachusetts; Judge George F. Comstock and R. E. Judson, of Syracuse, and ex-Senator Theodore M. Pomeroy, of Auburn, N. Y., are at the Windsor Hotel.

AN OLD SCHEME REVIVED.

A number of persons interested in the "Tehuantepec Railroad Company" assembled at No. 54 Broadway yesterday afternoon to listen to the report of a committee previously appointed to look after their interests. The committee reported that the charter of the old company having been cancelled by Congress, Mr. Alfred Learned, of Massachusetts, had obtained a new grant on June 2 last, and they recommended that a new company be organized under the grant, in the name of the Tehuantepec Interoceanic Railway Company. This was adopted, and it was resolved that steps be taken at once to complete the road. The line is to cross Mexico to the narrowest, where it joins a line of vessels to Austria.

UTAH'S MORMON LEGISLATORS.

SALT LAKE, Utah, Jan. 12.—The Utah Territorial Legislature met to-day. Lorenzo Snow was elected President of the Council, and Orson Pratt Speaker of the House. All but six members are polygamists. No Message was received from Gov. Emery, he being at Washington.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

TOPICS IN THE SENATE.

THE LIVE STOCK TRANSPORTATION BILL AGAIN POSTPONED—THE JAPANESE INDEMNITY.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—In the Senate to-day, Mr. McPherson made another ineffectual attempt to secure the consideration of the bill for the regulation of the transportation of animals on railroads, which was set down as the special order after several postponements. But Mr. Thurman made an objection, asserting that there were some persons who wanted to be heard upon it, and some Senators who thought that important legal questions were involved, and that there was room and necessity for amendments. Mr. McPherson declared, in view of the gross and unnatural cruelty practised every day in transporting animals, that the Senate's negligence in delaying this bill was almost criminal. The bill had been prepared by all the interests which had been hitherto opposed to legislation on the subject. The officers of three of the most important trunk lines, which did more than one half of the country's live stock transportation, had been consulted, and had entirely concurred in agreeing to the bill's provisions. They preferred no legislation, but if some legislation was necessary, would support this bill. Mr. Davis, of West Virginia, said that the stock men made objection to the bill, and Mr. McPherson at last allowed it to be made the special order for next Monday.

A bill introduced by Senator Voorhees to-day provides for the repayment to the Japanese of the $785,000 paid by them in accordance with the convention of 1864, with interest, $125,000 to be reserved for the officers and crew of the United States ship Wyoming, in return for their services in destroying hostile vessels in the Straits of Shimonoski, July 16, 1863, and nearly $12,000 for the expenses of the chartered steamer Takiang, while a part of the allied expedition to Shimonoski in September, 1864. This old question about the disposition of money exacted from the Japanese is again under consideration by the Committee on Foreign Relations, and it is hoped that final action may be taken during this session.

THE CENSUS SUPERVISORSHIPS.

APPOINTMENTS NOT MADE ON POLITICAL GROUNDS—THE NEW-YORK SUPERVISOR.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—It is probable that Superintendent Walker will have the list of Supervisors of the Census ready for presentation to Secretary Schurz to-morrow, so that it may be laid before the Cabinet meeting. A report has been circulated to the effect that it was the purpose of Gen. Walker to appoint a large number of Democrats as Supervisors. There is no truth in this. While it is probable that a few Democrats will be appointed, such appointments will not be made because they are Democrats, but because they are known to be better qualified than all other competitors in the districts for which they will be selected. Gen. Walker says that in no case will Supervisors be appointed because of their party affiliations, but because they are believed to possess the necessary qualifications to perform the work in an intelligent and competent manner. It can be stated, by authority, that Mr. Charles D. Adams, a lawyer of New-York City, and a graduate of Amherst College, will be appointed Supervisor of the First District, which includes the County of New-York.

COMMODORE WHITING'S PAY.

WHY HE ASKS FOR A PENSION—HIS PAY NOT COMMENSURATE WITH HIS RANK.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Within a few days after the beginning of the session, there was a long debate in the Senate upon the favorable report of the Committee on Pensions with regard to the petition of Commodore W. B. Whiting, a retired naval officer, for a pension. Mr. Cockrell claimed that Commodore Whiting's three-quarters pay was in reality a pension, and he opposed the granting of an additional sum. It was shown that three-quarters pay for a Commodore would be $3,000 per annum. Further consideration of the matter was postponed at Mr. Cockrell's request. A few days ago this gentleman introduced a bill, doubtless suggested by this case, providing that no retired officer of the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps shall draw a pension in addition to his pay. Commodore Whiting has sent a communication to the committee, from Milwaukee, in which he says that he also thinks that retired pay is in lieu of a pension. But the pension laws allow for the hire of an attendant in some cases, and this privilege is extended very properly, he says, to retired officers. He does not ask for a pension, but for an allowance to meet this extra expense. He was retired as a Lieutenant, and although while retired he has been promoted to be a Commodore, he has always received three-quarters of a Lieutenant's pay, which is $2,400 for sea duty, and this is enough for himself, but not for the attendant besides, to whom he now owes four months' wages. While retired he volunteered in the late war, when his rank was that of commander; but because he was physically disabled, he was placed on duty in an ordinary capacity with the rank of Lieutenant, and paid as a Lieutenant. He asserts that during nearly two years while he was in the observatory, his pay should have been that of a commander, and he believes he was the only retired officer employed in the service during the war who did not get the pay to which his rank entitled him. As a precedent for favorable action upon his petition, he refers to the similar case of Commodore J. F. Miller.

PEMBINA AND OKLAHOMA.

PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF TERRITORIES WITH THE ABOVE NAMES.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Two bills for the establishment of Territories are now before the Committee on Territories. One provides for the creation of the Territory of Pembina, out of the northern half of the present Territory of Dakota, and for the organization of a temporary Government. The Legislative Council is to consist of 12 members, and the House of Representatives of 24. After the land has been surveyed, sections 16 and 36 in each township are to be reserved for the support of the public schools in the States hereafter to be erected out of the Territory, but the Fort Abraham Lincoln and Fort Rice Military Reservations, not including the portion of the latter which lies in the Sioux Reservation, are to be set apart, when abandoned by the Government, for the foundation and endowment of the Custer Memorial College. The bill contains provisions for the regulation of the courts and the public lands, and the appointment or election of Territorial and other officers.

The other bill provides for the establishment of a temporary Territorial Government in what is now known as the Indian Territory, the new Territory to be known by the name of Oklahoma. The Governor is to be appointed by the President, for two years, and is to receive a salary of $4,000. A Secretary is also to be appointed, who shall send a copy of the laws and journals of the Legislature, and of the Executive proceedings and official correspondence, to the President, semi-annually, two copies to Congress, and one to each Indian tribe in the Territory. The Council is to consist of 13 members, and the House of Representatives of 26. Representation is to be apportioned among the several tribes, nations, or districts, based upon the number of qualified voters in each. The length of each session after the first is limited to 60 days. At the first election, any male Indian 21 years old, who is a member of one of the tribes which have adopted the customs of civilized life, and all citizens of the United States who have lawfully resided in the Territory one year, and are 21 years old, can vote, and no person is to be deprived of the right to vote or hold office on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude. Full provision is made for the establishment of courts. The lands are to be surveyed, and each person who is a member of any tribe or nation occupying a reservation, including adults and minors, male and female, is entitled to a homestead of 160 acres in the reservation of his or her tribe, and if in actual possession of land, improved or cultivated by him or her, shall have a prior right to the quarter-section on which the improvements are. Adults are to select their own homesteads, and those of minors are to be chosen by fathers, mothers, or guardians. Alienation or sale of these homesteads is prohibited for 20 years. Directions are given for the enumeration of the Indians and the allotment of the lands. Any Indian can become a citizen by making application and proving that he has resided in the United States for five years, is a resident of the Territory; has behaved during the two years last past as a man of good moral character; that he has sufficient intelligence to control his private affairs, and that he has adopted the habits of civilized life. He must then swear to support the Constitution, and absolutely and forever renounce all fidelity and allegiance to every Indian power whatever, and particularly to the tribe to which he has belonged. Such Indians are to be paid their proportion of the cash value of the funds of the tribe held in trust by the United States. The bill repeals all acts granting lands in the Territory to railroads, upon the extinguishment of the Indian title, and reserves sections 16 and 36 for school purposes.

NOTES FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12, 1880.

The receipts from internal revenue to-day were $661,156 58, and from Customs $412,709 79.

Secretary Evarts has informed the Secretary of the Treasury that, according to dispatches received from the United States Minister at Lima, Peru, the newspapers of that place, of Dec. 17, contained telegrams showing that the port of Ilo (or Yio) was then blockaded by three Chilian vessels.

The Democratic members of the Senate and House Committees on Appropriations held a long private conference to-day, with a view to insure greater harmony of action between the two bodies in regard to fixing the pay of their respective employes, and also in regard to the appropriations generally. No definite conclusions were reached, but the conference will be renewed hereafter.

The bill introduced in the House to-day by Representative Knott, of Kentucky, confers upon the United States Circuit Courts jurisdiction to hear all claims of loyal citizens in States not in the rebellion, for quartermaster's stores, subsistence supplies, medicines, and mercantile supplies, taken or furnished for the use of the armies of the United States, and all claims for the use and occupation of any real estate, or for the use, appropriation, or loss of any steam-boats, barges, &c., on contracts, express or implied, or for services rendered to the United States upon contracts express or implied. It provides that all papers on file in the Court of Claims or any of the departments relating to any claim shall be withdrawn and deposited with the Circuit Court, where the cause shall be entered upon the equity docket and considered as against the United States and shall be heard and adjudicated upon. It provides that all papers thus transferred must be filed previous to July 4, 1882.

The bill introduced by Representative Ellis, of Louisiana, "To establish an ocean mail service and revive and reassert the supremacy of the American merchant marine," directs the Postmaster-General to contract for a weekly mail service between Portland, Me., and Glasgow, via Queenstown; between Boston, Mass., and Liverpool, via Queenstown; between New-York and Liverpool, via Queenstown; between Baltimore, touching at Norfolk, and Bremen and Hamburg, via Southampton; between Philadelphia and Liverpool, via Queenstown; between Charleston and Havre, via Southampton; between New-Orleans and Liverpool; semi-monthly service between New-York and South America as far as the mouth of the River Plata; between San Francisco and Hong Kong, via the Hawaiian Islands and Yokohama; between New-Orleans and certain ports, to be fixed upon by the Postmaster-General, in Central America and the Argentine Republic; between Galveston and the port of Vera Cruz and the intermediate ports, and special mail lines, to be fixed and determined by the Postmaster-General. It provides that contracts shall be made in the usual manner, and that the vessels employed shall be iron screw steam-ships, built and owned by Americans, in American ship-yards, of American materials.

A NEGRO'S SWIFT PUNISHMENT.

LYNCHED BY UNMASKED MEN FOR A BRUTAL CRIME.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 12.—Advices from Poolesville, Montgomery County, show that that region of the State, near the Potomac, about 35 miles from the National Capital, is again agitated by a crime and lawless punishment. Ida Hayes, a bright, well-developed girl, 11 years old, the step-daughter of John Reeves, as Beallsville, two miles from Poolesville, went to the barn-yard Saturday morning to milk the cows, while George Peck, colored, 22 years old, was feeding the stock. While Ida was milking the second cow, Peck sneaked up behind her, caught her form, muffled her screams with his hand, and carried her around the other side of a straw stack. The Rev. Mr. Amy, trying opposite, heard the girl's cries, and appeared on the scene before Peck had fully accomplished his fiendish purpose. Peck coolly resumed his work, while Mr. Amy carried the girl to the house. An officer was sent for, and soon arrived and arrested Peck, who was attempting to escape. Confronted by Mr. Amy and the girl, Peck confessed. He was taken to Poolesville and lodged temporarily in Odd-fellows' Hall.

As there were threats of lynching, the officer concluded to take his prisoner home for the night. Stopping in a store to make purchases, suddenly a band, mostly of masked men, appeared, broke into the store, overpowered and blindfolded the officer, put a noose around Peck's neck, and dragged him, screaming for mercy, down the street and over a fence. They threw the rope over the limb of a locust tree, hoisted him up, and tied the rope. Firing several shots at the dangling form as they departed. The body hung until people began to gather at the church directly opposite, for services on Sunday morning, when it was cut down and removed. The Coroner's verdict to-day was: "Strangulation at hands of parties unknown." Peck had had a bad reputation, and five years ago barely escaped the halter for a similar offense. The last lynching in Maryland was on April 17, 1879, near Point of Rocks, 12 miles from Poolesville, when Charles Carroll was lynched for outraging the person of Mrs. Thomas, in which case also a similar verdict was rendered, although in broad daylight citizens openly confessed the part they had taken in the lynching, and no attempts were made at concealment.

CRIMINALS AND THEIR DEEDS.

OFFENSES REPORTED YESTERDAY—PROCEEDINGS IN CRIMINAL CASES.

LIBERTYVILLE, N. J., Jan. 12.—For two years Sussex County, N. J., has been infested by a gang of horse-thieves and incendiaries, who have stolen a large amount of property and fired a large number of buildings, involving a loss aggregating over $200,000. A short time ago a society known as the Wantage Vigilant Society was organized for the protection of property and detection of horse-thieves and incendiaries. Since the organization comparatively few offenses have been committed. The first and only horse stolen since the society organized was the one stolen by Sawyer, one of the masked burglars who was recently arrested, tried, and sentenced to the New-Jersey State Prison for 15 years. At a recent meeting of the society a resolution was passed that any member of the society appointed as a pursuer and failing to discharge his duty should be fined an amount not to exceed $5.

WARWICK, Jan. 12.—The Coroner's inquest to investigate the murder of George P. Hirth, who was brutally killed on Wednesday night last, was adjourned on Saturday until this afternoon at 1 o'clock on account of the insufficiency of evidence then obtainable. Since that time another arrest has been made, and the Police authorities are now confident that they have the four negroes who committed the murder and sufficient evidence to convict them. Their names are Babe Bedford, Edward Queenan, Sandy Finn, and Ben Johnson. There is great excitement here to-day over the affair, and the prisoners were conveyed to the Fourth Precinct Station-house, where the inquest will take place, in carriages, guarded by mounted Police, followed by large crowds of men and boys.

OTTAWA, Ontario, Jan. 12.—James Wickham, who had saved a little property, died at the house of one Graville, at Gloucester, on New Year's Day. He was hastily buried, and Graville gave out that he died of small-pox. Graville produces a document bequeathing Wickham's property to him. This is signed with a mark, and as Wickham could write, this, with other circumstances, leads to the suspicion that he met with foul play. The Police are investigating the matter.

BALLSTON, N. Y., Jan. 12.—District Attorney Ormsby gave notice in open court to-day to counsel that he should move the trial of Jesse Billings, Jr., next Monday. Counsel for Jones, the alibi witness, stated their readiness to proceed with Jones's case first, claiming it to be unfair to try Billings first, and that it was within the jurisdiction of the court, and not for the District Attorney, to decide which should be tried first. Argument was then had as to the right of the District Attorney in such direction, and also the right of the defendant to move a criminal case, which is upon a civil calendar. The court stated that as the people were to try either or both cases at this term nothing further would be done in the matter until next Monday. Should the Billings case then be moved by the people, and the defense furnish sufficient excuse for a short delay, then the Jones case would be taken up. The District Attorney replied that he should not move the Jones case until the Billings case had been tried. The matter will not be decided until Monday next.

BELLEVILLE, Ind., Jan. 12.—William Milliken and Henry Crane were fighting about a dog on Saturday afternoon. Elvira Milliken came to the assistance of her father and fatally stabbed Crane. He escaped.

DOYLESTOWN, Penn., Jan. 12.—Joseph Haffner, of Andalusia, Bucks County, was committed to jail last Sunday evening on the charge of murdering Jacob Jacobs, a tramp, who, it is supposed, had board-money. Haffner's wife and child called to see him this morning, but when his cell-door was opened he was found dead in bed, having cut his throat.

COLD WEATHER SOUTH.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 12.—The first cold weather since Christmas came upon the South to-day. It has been so warm for the past 15 days that strawberries bloomed, and trees of all descriptions began to bud. It is feared the weather will have injured the fruit prospect for the Spring, with the exception of that produced on the mountains, which rarely fails to make a good crop.

GENERAL TELEGRAPH NEWS

RAILWAY MANAGEMENT.

THE READING COMPANY'S ANNUAL REPORT—PITTSBURG AND LAKE ERIE ELECTION.

PHILADELPHIA, Penn., Jan. 12.—The report of the Reading Railroad Company, and that of the Coal and Iron Company, presented to the shareholders of the former at their annual meeting to-day, shows a cash deficit in the operations of the two companies of $970,958 57, as against $324,950 94 for last year, an increased deficit of $146,006 63. To this cash deficit must be added $1,646,899, being the amount of the year's fixed charges previously paid in scrip. The deficit is due to the low prices of coal prevailing during the year, and the managers present estimates for the coming year based upon the improved condition of the coal trade and the general revival of manufacturing industry, showing an earning capacity for 1880 equal to 12 per cent on the share capital of the company. An election was held for officers with the following result: President—Franklin B. Gowen; Managers—H. Pratt McKean, A. E. Borie, J. E. Lippincott, John Ashurst, Henry Lewis, I. V. Williamson; Treasurer—Samuel Bradford; Secretary—David J. Brown. These are the same officers as last year.

President Gowen, in his report says: "During the year, the company has effectively secured a share of the oil traffic of the State, for so many years practically controlled by the Standard Oil Company. This action, which secured an outlet independent of the Standard Oil Company, and the trunk lines was at once resented by both interests affected, and every effort has been made by some of the companies interested to convert the profitable business of the transportation of oil into a losing one. On behalf of the Standard Oil Company, an offer has been made to the Tide-water Pipe Line Company of as much oil as it could carry, at very remunerative rates, provided all the oil was delivered to the Standard Oil Company for refining. This offer was for manifest reasons declined, and while the traffic of the Standard Oil Company is still being carried by some of the trunk lines at the low rates above referred to, the business of the Tide-water Pipe Line, and the oil traffic on the Reading Railroad is yielding more than cost, and has grown from a product of 1,500 barrels of oil daily in June to 4,000 barrels daily in December, and, in a few months, when the additional independent refineries now projected are completed, the daily capacity will be about 10,000 barrels of oil per day, all of which can be refined at establishments independent of the Standard Oil Company. When it is considered that the annual product of oil for Eastern shipments will be fully 12,000,000 barrels, that in addition to this annual product there is stocked in tanks in the oil region about 3,000,000 barrels awaiting transportation; that the producers of this oil are entirely willing to pay from $1 to $1 50 per barrel for its transportation, provided they have assurance that all shippers will be treated alike; that the tide-water pipe line could not take more than 3,000,000 barrels per annum, and that with the increased production there would be left for the trunk lines as much, if not more, oil to carry than they moved prior to the construction of the pipe line, so that the difference in the rates of transportation between the ruinous ones now obtained and those which might be had for the asking amounts to the enormous sum of over $10,000,000 per annum, equal, in one case, to from 5 to 6 per cent upon the capital stock of the company interested, almost every fair-minded business man must be forced to the conclusion reached by the managers that it cannot be long before the managers of the trunk lines will consent to receive the enormous profit from oil transportation which is daily within their reach, and discontinue the present ruinous rates, in which event a very large revenue will be realized by this company from the oil traffic thrown upon its lines by the Tide-water Pipe Line Company, as heretofore stated.

It is not, however, in oil alone that low rates of transportation have been persistently maintained during the year. The price of coal and the rates for conveying coal reached the lowest prices ever before known. In the face of a demand which freely took the entire production of the year, it is difficult to reconcile the continuance of low prices with any other hypothesis than that of a deliberate intention on the part of one or two of the companies interested in the production of anthracite to maintain low prices, for the purpose of injuring the credits of the Reading Railroad Company. In addition to this cause, the low price of coal may also, in some measure be attributed to another cause even more reprehensible, viz., that of stock gambling on the part of those whose positions enabled them to control the prices of coal, with a view of aiding their operations in the Stock Exchange. It is almost impossible to conceive of any more heinous offense than that of making private fortunes in the Stock Exchange by depressing the prices of the product of a business corporation, and yet the fact that the price of coal has been purposely kept low, in order to depress the value of coal securities in the Stock Exchange is shown by testimony that is overwhelming. It is no wonder, therefore, that, under such circumstances the price of coal was kept low, and yet it had not until a late day been demonstrated that the demand was equal to the supply, the prices of one-quarter of the product effectually established the prices of the whole, and at one time during the year coal was sold on board vessels in Philadelphia at as low as $2 per ton, and in the month of September at an auction sale realized for broken coal in New-York a price as low as $1 97½ per ton. Now, however, that it is practically demonstrated that the demand for the coming year will exceed the supply, the majority of the anthracite coal companies who have been continually selling to meet demand, can regard with indifference any attempts on the part of the minority to keep prices below a rate which will yield a fair profit to all concerned in the trade. It is but due to some of those who refused to advance prices to say that their refusal was based upon an alleged belief that there would be a great over production of coal and that they argued it was the sheerest folly to attempt to put up prices in the face of an annual production which they estimated at 30,000,000 of tons as against a demand of from 15,000,000 to 20,000,000. It was in vain to say to these gentlemen that the production of 1879 could not be more than about 26,000,000, and that, with the revival of industries, the market might reasonably be expected to take the entire production, which would be but 25 per cent, more than that of 1878. Our views were dismissed with the charitable condemnation of "sanguine" or "rose-colored" and even after their truth was demonstrated beyond all preadventure, the advocates of the restrictive policy continued to assert the correctness of their theory, doubtless believing that if we were of far greater importance that their predictions should be verified, than that money should be made out of the coal trade. The entire production of 1879 was 26,100,000 tons. It is believed that the total possible production of 1880 cannot be over 18,500,000 tons, with a strong probability that it will be much less. As the increased demand for the iron works and other kindred industries will absorb from one-half to three-quarters of any possible increase of production over that of 1879, it is quite safe to dismiss all apprehension about the future of the trade. All the coal that can be mined and transported will be wanted; the prices fixed by any one company will have no influence on those asked by others, and the advocates of low prices and restricting production injure none but themselves by putting their theories into practical operation.

A great deal of discussion has recently taken place upon the subject of Legislative interference with, and control of, railway corporations. It is not believed that any benefit will result from the proposed Legislative interference, but much good can be done by a healthful public sentiment finding its expression at shareholders' meetings, and ringing coarly condemnatory and eradicating a system which permitted the existence of the following evils: First, unjust discrimination in rates in favor of particular shippers; second, participation of officers or managers in the profits of any business transacted upon the lines of, or with, their respective companies; third, stock gambling by officers of corporations. If those principally interested in and injuriously affected by the existence of these evils properly use their undoubted power to remove them, there will be no necessity for Legislative interference with the business of corporations.

PITTSBURG, Penn., Jan. 12.—The first annual meeting of the stockholders of the Pittsburg and Lake Erie Railroad, held to-day, resulted in the election of the old board and officers. All the differences in the board were adjusted and harmony was restored. The reports of the President and General Manager show the road to be in a prosperous condition.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—It is understood that Sir Henry Tyler and Sir Charles Young have consented to act as Trustees of the Atlantic and Great Western Railroad Company's lines rental, trust of 1873, in the place of Messrs. Bieke and Herring, who have retired.

ST. LOUIS FIVE PER CENT. BONDS.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 12.—Mayor Overstolz and Controller Adrian opened bids this afternoon for $475,000 renewal 5 per cent city bonds, to run 20 years, and disposed of $100,000 at a premium of $1 25 per $1,000, the other bids, being less than par, were rejected. The remainder of the bonds will be disposed of by private sale, but at not less than par. These are the first 5 per cent bonds St. Louis has offered for sale.

MARKSMEN'S CONTESTS.

SOUTH AMBOY, N. J., Jan. 12.—On the shore, 100 yards target, this morning, a number of rifle marksmen competed for a Sharp's military rifle. The conditions of the match were 100 yards 10 rounds, standing position, army rifle, sporting rifles handicapped three points over military rifles. The winner of the rifle was James McIntosh, with a score of 42 out of a possible 50. The next best scores were Judson, 40; Lang, lower 40; Nelson, 39; Cottral, lower 39, and Mulford, 38.

MARION, N. J., Jan. 12.—M. Paul of New-York, and F. Dalrymple, of Jersey City, shot a 50-bird match here to-day. The conditions were 25 trap and handle, 21 yards rise, two traps, Long Island rules. Paul won the stakes, $50, by a score of 40 to Dalrymple's 18. The loser also paid cost of the birds.

HUNTERTOWN, N. Y., Jan. 12.—Dwight Jackson won a match of 50 shots, this afternoon, against George Parkhurst, for $25 a side. It was a 32d man and handle match, H. and P. guns, single barrel, 25 yards rise, 30 yards boundary. Mr. Jackson won the match and stakes by a score of 19 to his opponent's 10.

MATTAWAN, N. J., Jan. 12.—A match at 100 glass balls was shot here this afternoon between Messrs. Gildersleeve and Quimbe. It was the third match shot here this Fall, each scoring a victory at the two former matches. The pool was $50 and other stipulations. 50 balls each, 3 traps, 21 yards rise, Bogardus rules governing. Gildersleeve had an easy victory, breaking 41 to his opponent's 37, both scores being far behind the past records of those marksmen.

A CRIMINAL'S ESCAPE.

THE POLICE AUTHORITIES OF BUFFALO LOSE A DARING BURGLAR.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 12.—The Police authorities of this city are to-day mourning the absence of a smart professional burglar named James Mortimer. While committing very many burglaries in Buffalo, Mortimer succeeded in eluding the vigilance of the officers on the watch for him for months, but was finally arrested some days ago by Detectives Morris and Donovan. This morning he succeeded in gaining his liberty by escaping from what is known as the "freezer," at Police Head-quarters. His departure was discovered about 4:30 o'clock by an officer, whose duty it was to visit the prison at stated intervals, and the fugitive is doubtless now safe in Canada. An examination showed that he had severed one of the perpendicular bars, close to where it passed through one of those that are arranged parallel to each other, this one being about two feet above the floor and very near the corner of the cell, where it is comparatively dark. Having sat it through at that point, it was an easy matter to wrench it out and use it in prying out the one next to it, leaving an aperture two feet high. Through this he crawled, but in doing so he must have been obliged to remove all of his clothing. The cutting of the bar must have been a long and tedious operation, and he had undoubtedly been engaged upon it during the whole of his confinement. He had no tools and it is believed he did the work with the table-knives which were brought to him with his meals. Once out of his cell, his escape was easily accomplished. Removing the slot which holds the bolt of the lock, he opened the door of the cell room, then passed through the hall to another door that has simply a spring lock, and from there boldly and deliberately walked out of the building. Had he encountered any of the officers he doubtless intended to take desperate chances and deal them what might have proved a death blow, as he carried with him the pieces of the bar he removed from the cell, and which he left in the hall below, where it was found.

ELECTING OFFICERS.

A YACHT CLUB WITH A SURGEON AND TWO CHAPLAINS.

The annual meeting of the Seawanhaka Yacht Club, for the election of officers and the transaction of other business, was held at Delmonico's last evening, Commodore S. J. Colgate presiding. The Secretary, Mr. Charles H. Grundy, read the minutes, and then the club proceeded to hear the reports of the committees, which were very brief. On behalf of the Regatta Committee, Mr. James H. Elliott said he had nothing to report, except that the two regattas were sailed with brilliant success; also, that the Center Cup was finally sailed for, owing principally, he believed, to the pluck and perseverance of the Captains and owners of some of the smaller vessels connected with the club. Mr. Elliott suggested that in order to facilitate the preparation of the reports of the Regatta Committee hereafter, reports from each craft taking part in the race should be immediately forwarded to the committee. This would tend also to prevent errors in the press reports of these affairs by placing authentic information at the disposal of newspaper reporters and correspondents.

On behalf of the Lecture Committee, it was reported that the committee had conferred with Dr. Hayes as to the delivery of a lecture on polar expeditions, and that well-known explorer had accepted their terms, with the proviso that the lecture should be given on Saturday evening, and that he should be given as long a notice as practicable respecting the time and place. The committee has also been in communication with Prof. Morse, of Washington, for a lecture on meteorites, and there was a strong hope that lectures would be delivered this Winter. The report was accepted, and an appropriation of $50 was made for the purpose of paying the lecturers, the arrangements for a hall, printing, and other details of outlay being referred to the House Committee.

The Treasurer's report showed the club to be in order. This report showed receipts to the amount of $3,636 59, of which $1,875 came from annual dues, $330 from initiation fees, and the remainder from miscellaneous sources. The expenditures for the year have amounted to $2,319 22, of which $945 were for prizes, $695 27 for regatta expenses, and $353 68 to the Lecture Committee. The balance left in the treasury was $1,318 37, of which $165 was due for one prize not yet paid, leaving a balance of $1,153 37 available for club expenses. The Secretary reported a membership of 122, the number of resignations for the year having been 15, and the number of admissions 12.

The next business was the election of officers for the year 1880, and, tellers having been appointed, the members present proceeded to ballot for a Commodore. W. A. W. Stewart, owner of the sloop Resolute, having been the nomination, 21 votes were cast, of which Mr. Stewart received 19, and was declared elected. Mr. O. E. Cromwell was nominated for Vice-Commodore, but declined, and the name of Mr. C. S. Lee, owner of the sloop Schemer, was substituted. Twenty-one votes were placed in the box. Of these, 20 were for Mr. Lee, and he was declared elected. Mr. M. Roosevelt Schuyler, owner of the cutter Yolande, received 21 votes for Rear Commodore, Mr. W. B. Simonds, 21 for Treasurer, and Mr. O. E. Cromwell, 21 for Secretary, and their elections were declared. Dr. Henry Ogden Curry, Health Officer, was elected Measurer, and Dr. Benjamin Dowe, Fleet Surgeon. The Rev. Messrs. William Irving and G. H. Vandewater were re-elected Chaplains; Robert Center and Girard Foster, members of the Regatta Committee, the remaining members—James H. Elliott, J. Wylie, Jr., and Lewis F. Bayard—holding over. Francis P. Duhaze, David Crosby, and Alfred Roosevelt were elected House Committee, and Messrs. Gerard Beekman, James L. Varnum, and Henry Weeks, Law Committee.

The final business before the meeting was the ballot upon an amendment to the constitution and the election of new members. Under the preliminary organization of the club, five Trustees were elected to hold office until resignation, removal, or decease. A more flexible board was desired by some of the members, and an amendment had accordingly been prepared providing for the election of one Trustee every year. The interpretation of the new clause was the subject of some debate, some of the members claiming that Mr. O. E. Cromwell, holding that a Trustee should at once be elected to fill a vacancy created by the amendment, and others

FORTY-SIXTH CONGRESS

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SENATE

THE GENEVA AWARD.

Mr. HAMLIN, of Maine, presented a memorial of citizens of Maine asking for legislation, which will give all rightful claimants upon the Geneva award fund an immediate and sufficient opportunity to present their claims.

INCREASED PENSIONS.

Mr. KINKWOOD, of Iowa, from the Committee on Pensions, reported favorably on the Senate bill for the increase of pensions of totally disabled soldiers and sailors. Placed on the calendar.

NEW BILLS.

The following bills were then introduced:

By Mr. SAUNDERS, of Nebraska—To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allot lands in severalty to Indians.

Mr. KIRKMAN, of New-York—A joint resolution to transfer so much as may be necessary of Bedloe's Island, New-York Harbor, from the War to the Treasury Department, to be used for marine hospital purposes.

THE MILITARY ACADEMY BILL.

The Senate then took up and passed the bill making an appropriation for the support of the Military Academy at West Point, with the amendments recommended by the Committee on Appropriations. The bill as passed and appropriation of $1,000 for repairs of barracks, and increases the House appropriation for Professors' salaries from $28,000 to $28,818, and for the hospital from $10,000 to $21,618.

TRANSPORTATION OF ANIMALS.

The Senate took up the special order, being the bill to prevent cruelty to animals in transportation.

Mr. THURMAN, of Ohio, asked Mr. McPherson—in charge of the bill—to allow it to go over for a week.

Mr. McPHERSON, of New-Jersey, said he thought the importance of the matter rendered the numerous delays of the consideration of the bill almost criminal; however, he wished every Senator to be ready when the bill came up for final action, and he would, therefore, agree to the suggestion of the Senator from Ohio, [Mr. Thurman.] The bill was, accordingly, made a special order for Monday next.

At 2 P. M. the Senate went into executive session, and when the doors were opened resadjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

The SPEAKER proceeded to call the States for bills and resolutions, under which the following were introduced and referred:

By Mr. BALLOU, of Rhode Island—To reduce the tax on deposits subject to payment with persons and associations engaged in banking business.

By F. WOOD, of New-York—To facilitate the refunding of the national debt.

By Mr. CHITTENDEN, of New-York, (by request)—Relating to Indian lands in severalty.

By Mr. COX, of New-York—Relative to a monument to Thomas Jefferson; also, as to the transfer of part of Bedloe's Island for hospital marine purposes.

By Mr. WARNER, of Ohio—To stop paper inflation and provide for necessary increase in the volume of currency by the free coinage of gold and silver, and for the issuing of gold and silver certificates; also, a resolution calling on the Secretary of the Treasury for a report relative to the time, condition, &c., of the United States Treasury becoming a member of the Bank of International Settlements. The bill to prevent paper inflation recites that on Jan. 1, 1880, the volume of paper money in the United States was $690,000,000, that it is constantly being increased by the addition of national bank notes, while metallic money is limited by legal restrictions in the carriage of the information in regard to the increase in the volume of paper money operates to displace and prevent the circulation of coin; and that the law authorizing private corporations to put their own paper into circulation is opposed to the public interest and to sound principles; and enacts that after the passage of this act no issue of additional national bank notes, designed to circulate as currency, shall cease. Section 2 provides that for any necessary increase of currency the Mints of the United States shall be open to the public for the free coinage of gold and silver and gold and silver certificates of the same tenor. Section 3 provides for the issuing of gold and silver coin and bullion certificates, to be receivable for all dues to the Government. All coin and bullion for which certificates are outstanding shall be retained in the Treasury for the redemption of the same, provided that bullion coin received into the Treasury in payment of dues to the Government shall be retained; and bullion certificates so returned shall be canceled, and the bullion for which they were issued shall be converted into coin.

By Mr. FORSYTHE, of Illinois—To increase the stamp duties and to refund the taxes on them from the payment of tax on circulation; to liquidate the national debt and strengthen public confidence.

By Mr. BUCKNER, of Missouri—Relating to the examination of national banks.

By Mr. MAWHINNEY, of Michigan—To amend the internal revenue laws in regard to the taxation of national banks.

By Mr. WELLBORN, of Texas—For the transfer of the Indian Bureau to the War Department.

By Mr. UPDEGRAFF, of Iowa—Fixing the time for nominating the votes for President and Vice-President.

By Mr. TUCKER, of Virginia—To provide for the issue of certificates of the denomination of $1 and $2, and 50 and 25 cents.

THE HONG KONG CONSULATE.

The SPEAKER laid before the House a Message from the President, in answer to a resolution adopted Dec. 3, 1879, relative to the consulate at Hong Kong, transmitting a report from the Secretary of State, with accompanying papers.

Mr. HUNTON, of Virginia, offered a resolution referring the Message and accompanying papers to the Committee on Expenditures in the State Department, and directing that committee to investigate and report on the same. Adopted. Mr. Hunton stated that the Secretary of State reported that one of the letters called for was missing. He, however, had a printed copy of that letter, and he asked that it should also be referred. It was so referred.

THE METHOD OF PAYING PENSIONS.

Mr. HALDEMAN, of Pennsylvania, moved to suspend the rules and adopt the following resolution for the appointment of a committee of seven to inquire into the method and manner of paying pensions, arrears of pensions, bounty, and back pay to soldiers, and ascertain whether any irregularities exist in the payment of the same, and to investigate any subject of complaint which may be lodged with them as to the payment of any pension, back pay, arrears of pension, bounty, or back pay, with the view to the enactment of such legislation as may correct existing defects and protect the pensioner in his rights. Adopted—Yeas 183, nays 56.

THE DUTY ON SALT.

Mr. HATCH, of Missouri, moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill providing for the importation of salt free of duty. It provides that no duty shall be levied or collected, directly or indirectly, on the importation into any port of the United States, but that salt, fine or coarse, in bulk or in bags, sacks, barrels, or other packages, may be imported free of duty; this act to take effect from and after its passage.

Mr. CONGER, of Michigan, moved that the House adjourn. Rejected.

The motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill was lost—yeas 115, nays 115—not the necessary two-thirds in the affirmative.

TRADE-MARKS.

Mr. COX, of New-York, presented the petition of Messrs. Tiffany & Co., Colgate & Co., Claflin & Co., the Singer Manufacturing Company, and other manufacturers and merchants of New-York City, representing $200,000,000 of active capital, for the enactment of a law to give effect to the treaty obligations as to trade-marks. Referred.

The House, at 4 P. M., adjourned.

CONFIRMATIONS BY THE SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The Senate, in executive session, today confirmed the following nominations:

United States Attorneys—George S. Corkhill for the District of Columbia, Charles S. Varien for the District of Nevada, John K. Valentine for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

First-Lieut. John G. Mitchell to be a Captain in the revenue service.

Miss Eunice G. Colburn, to be Postmaster at Franklin, N.H.

The Senate also confirmed the nomination of Capt. Homer C. Blake to be a Commodore in the Navy. This action was reached after another two hours' debate, in continuation of a discussion begun last Thursday, upon the legal questions then mentioned as being involved in the opposition to Capt. Blake's promotion, and to that of Capt. T. Barrett, made by friends of Capt. Egbert Thompson, of New-York, now on the retired list, who claim that he is entitled to the promotion and promotion of the active list in preference to either Barrett or Blake.

THE CELLULOID EXPLOSION.

The inquiry in the cases of the victims of the recent celluloid explosion in Newark was continued yesterday morning, before Coroner Woodruff, in the Court-house. John Ash, George W. Godfles, William Stiles, and Edwin B. Harrison, four employes, all gave corroborative testimony as to being in the conversing-room at the time of the explosion, and to hearing the noise, seeing the fire, and to jumping out of the windows.

J. Smith Hyatt was recalled, and he testified that the experiments were tried in the machine, the quantity of alcohol being lessened each time. There was nothing in the machine but paper and alcohol. Celluloid in its manufactured state will not explode, and he could not conceive of a case of spontaneous combustion of celluloid. The machine in which the explosion occurred would never be used again for a similar purpose under the same conditions, and if the company had contemplated any danger from the use of that machine they would have isolated it from the building. This closed the case, and the jury retired until 9 o'clock this morning, when they will render a verdict.

ANOTHER CHANCE FOR BALBO.

Pietro Balbo, the Italian who murdered his wife in a Rose-street tenement-house, was sentenced to be hanged on Friday of this week. His counsel made every effort to obtain a stay of proceedings, but without success, until they applied to Justice Pratt, in Brooklyn. Justice Pratt, yesterday, rendered the following decision, granting a stay of proceedings: "I think this is a proper case to go to the Court of Appeals, and the clerk of the Purgatory, Greenfield, requested to tell New-York Bench, 277. This case involves a point of importance, namely, that we are not free from doubt, and which ought to be determined in the court of last resort for the guidance hereafter of trial courts in such cases. A stay until the case can be reached in the Court of Appeals, it seems to me, will serve the ends of justice. Writ of error and motion granted."

THE FURNITURE BOARD OF TRADE.

FAVORABLE REPORTS FOR LAST YEAR AND AN ENCOURAGING OUTLOOK.

The eighth annual meeting of the New-York Furniture Board of Trade was held in the rooms of the board, at No. 150 Canal-street, yesterday afternoon. President George Brown occupied the chair. After reading the minutes of the last meeting, the Secretary, Mr. D. G. Talcott, presented his report for the last year. According to this report, the total number of members of the Eastern Division of the association, of which the New-York Board is a part, is 218. From the 1st of January, 1879, to the 1st of January, 1880, 66 new members were admitted, and the Secretary believes that many of these were induced to join the association on account of the alliance recently made with the society of the Chicago manufacturers. The object of the board is not only to unite the furniture-dealers of this city in one common interest, but also to protect them against loss by keeping them constantly posted with regard to the financial standing of those with whom they do business. For this purpose books are kept which are always open to the inspection of members, giving the status of all the furniture-dealers in the country, as far as they can be reached. On the 1st of January, 1879, the number of names on the books of the board, with a full account of the condition of the firms which they represented, was somewhat more than 10,000. Since then there have been many additions, and the forthcoming book, to which all members will be entitled, will contain nearly 14,500 names, an increase of nearly 5,000 names within the last year. It is not to be supposed from this statement that 5,000 new furniture firms have been started within the year. Several branches of trade kindred to the furniture business have been taken up and inserted in the book, the object being to give to furniture-dealers all possible information regarding the standing of any person with whom they are called on to have dealings.

During the last year there has been a marked decrease in failures in the business of the country, and meetings of creditors in the rooms of the board are now of rare occurrence. How much of this exemption from disaster was due to the information given by the books prepared by the board, Mr. Talcott would not venture to say. It was certain, however, that in the list of failures recorded throughout the country, few of the New-York Furniture Board of Trade appeared as creditors of the insolvent firms, and it was fair to assume from these facts that the books kept by the board were doing some good at least. Not a failure occurred in the furniture trade last year which might not have been anticipated by consulting the information in the board-room. The reports were full and complete, they were added to whenever there was an occasion for addition, and had all members consulted them carefully, and taken advantage of the information which they contained, not one of them would have been subjected to loss by any of the failures of the last year. The Secretary expressed the hope that in the future members of the board, learning experience from the past, would take more pains to consult the records for which they paid, and thus save themselves from possible loss by future failures. The number of reports received and given out during the year was over 20,000. The report requests that members be as particular as possible when making inquiries to give the correct name or firm of which information is desired, the correct streets and numbers, and, above all, to give the correct board number, as many members send in for reports by mail, and often use the wrong number, which prevents the Secretary from answering the inquiry, he not knowing to whom to address the answer. The report of the Secretary was adopted, and then the report of the Treasurer, R. G. Dun, was presented, and approved. It reported the receipts of the year, added to the balance in the treasury Dec. 31, 1878, as $4,988 27. The disbursements for the year amounted to $4,972 79. The balance remaining in the treasury Dec. 31, 1879, was $15 48. The debts for dinners have been left unpaid, and the board is now entirely out of debt. The present number of members paying subscription fees to the New-York office is 115.

The Executive Committee reported that the year 1879 was one of the quietest and most successful in the furniture business which has been experienced since the New-York Furniture Board of Trade was organized. There was no large failure, no large strike, and no threatening convention to call the board together. The working men had seemed to realize that their best and truest friends were those who gave them work and paid them for doing it. In the board itself, no disturbing element had entered to create dissension or to provoke discussion. The board was to be congratulated on these facts. An era of better feeling between capital and labor, so far as the furniture trade is concerned, was evidently dawning in fact, it had dawned already. The action of the Executive Committee of the board in November and December of 1878, in making an alliance with the Furniture Manufacturers' Exchange of Chicago, was one which the board has never had reason to regret. The experience of the past year, the first year of the alliance, has amply proved the policy and the wisdom of the step. It has proved of advantage, not only to this board and to the Chicago Exchange, but to the entire furniture trade of the country. By means of it furniture manufacturers are enabled to span the continent, and to obtain the fullest information of any contemplated movement in the trade. Mr. D. Talcott, the Superintendent of the Chicago board, in his report to that board, shows that the alliance has been more valuable, if possible, to Chicago than it has been to New-York. The information received here by the East by means of the agents of the New-York board is sent at once to the West, and that collected in Chicago is transmitted immediately to New-York, so that the books of the two boards with regard to the standing of merchants in the furniture business are simply duplicates. The New-York furniture-dealer knows, all that the Chicago dealer knows, and the Chicago man has all the information that is gathered in this City. The results has been not only an addition to the membership of the New-York board, but also to that of the Chicago Exchange. "We have," says the report, "every gratifying assurance from Mr. Talcott that the year 1880 will end with a membership in Chicago of over 500 persons."

The new reference-book of the board will be furnished to members as soon as possible. The subscription price for the year 1880 will be $10. This entitles each member to the reference-books, one in January and one in July, in addition to weekly correction sheets, and the unlimited use of the office records for detailed reports. During the last year the furniture trade has participated with other trades in reaping the benefits which the favorable turn to the tide of affairs has brought about. Labor is being better paid, and no disturbance has arisen in settling controversaries with the working men upon a basis of pay mutually satisfactory to both employer and employes, and this without recourse to any strike, which at one time was feared. With regard to an advance in the prices of furniture consequent upon the advance in the price of labor, and of all the material entering into the manufacture of furniture, the Board has taken no positive action. The members of the Executive Committee have had several informal conferences on the subject, and the result has been that it was thought best to leave each manufacturer to act as he sees fit.

The report of the Executive Committee was approved, and, after electing the following officers, the board adjourned: President—George Brown; Vice-President—Martin Schreinkeisen; Treasurer—M. G. Stephen; Secretary—D. G. Talcott; Executive Committee—Frank Rhoner, Theodore J. Palmer, O. L. Gardner, Peter Schneider, William Killian, Theodore Hostetter, Bradford Wilbur, William Barnatz, Henry Herrmann, and V. S. Allen.

THE ITALIAN CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS.

The pupils of the Italian school at Nos. 156, 158, and 160 Leonard-street, celebrated the Christmas festival in their school-room last evening. The green pine branches and Winter flowers gave the hall a Christmas aspect, and the illusion was still further enhanced by heaps of children's clothing, and a stack of well-filled paper-bags on a table in a corner. The pupils were seated upon a tier of benches, at the rear of the room. Female teachers were stationed at intervals among the little people, and when an occasional pair of little eyes refused to be pinned open, their owner was borne by gentle hands to more comfortable sleeping accommodations. Mr. Howard Potter presided at the exercises, and, after a song by the chorus of children, he delivered a brief address. Addresses were also delivered by the Rev. Drs. E. A. Washburn and William M. Taylor, and Prof. V. Botta, who spoke in Italian. Mr. E. Ondin, Mrs. Frederick Lowerre, and Miss C. Townsend sang between the addresses, and the gifts, which the children had been watching with longing eyes all the evening, were distributed as the last and most entertaining feature of the programme.

THE FUTURE OF FUNDING.

The statement, credited by telegraph to the Hon. Fernando Wood, that he had received a proposition from certain New-York capitalists, agreeing to fund the entire amount of bonds falling due in 1880 at 3½ per cents, should his bill be passed, was found to be true on investigation yesterday. Such a letter was written and sent, but the proposition itself is laughed at by New-York bankers. They say that the total amount of bonds falling due in 1880 is only $13,415,000, and that the Secretary will be more than able to retire them all, from the surplus revenue, without outside aid. In 1881, over $700,000,000 will mature, but there seems to be a general opinion that the existing prejudice against syndicates will cause a clause to be inserted in any bill that may pass Congress prohibiting the Secretary from treating with any combination of capitalists, in carrying out the provisions of the act.

A STRIKE IN NEWARK.

Two hundred of the employes of Benjamin Altras & Co.'s steel works in Newark, struck yesterday morning for an advance of wages. On the 1st of last October all the employes were cut down 5 per cent, but at the same time were promised that it should be returned to them on the 1st of January. At that time the firm restored the 5 per cent, to a few of their best workmen only, and the remainder on learning of this, notified the firm that they would leave off work to-day if the 10 per cent was not restored and an advance of 10 per cent. in addition given them. The firm agreed to restore the 5 per cent., but refused the 10 per cent. additional. The wages paid run from $1 20 to $4 per day, and the establishment is driven to its full capacity to fill orders.

MORE NEWS FROM THE SEA.

ARRIVAL OF THE ARRAGON AFTER A VOYAGE OF TWENTY-FOUR DAYS.

The overdue steam-ship Arragon, of the Great Western Line, arrived yesterday, after a stormy voyage of 24 days. She showed evidences of having been roughly used when the was docked at Pier No. 16 East River, late in the afternoon. The pilot-house, which was aft of the bridge when the steamer was last in port, is missing, and the rails and stanchions are gone at several places, while the davits of one of the life-boats hang empty. But otherwise the Arragon looks as staunch as ever. The rumor of her loss at sea, with all on board, which was received by cable, had no foundation whatever. A similar rumor in regard to a steam-ship belonging to this line was circulated a short time ago. The Arragon sailed from Bristol on Dec. 19, and went down the Channel with favorable weather. When off Cape Clear evidences of an approaching storm were noted. A gale blowing from south-west and north-west set in soon afterward. The wind frequently shifted from one of these quarters to the other, and raked up a dangerous cross sea, which caused the ship to roll heavily. Fierce snow-squalls followed one another in rapid succession from the western to the eastern horizon, and, in passing threatened to carry the spars and rigging with them. The propeller at such times kept the vessel's head up to the wind, but was powerless to drive her along through the gale. Between the squalls some little progress could be made, but during the first part of the voyage 100 miles a day was regarded as very good work. The squalls were frequently of hurricane force, and would have torn the square sails to shreds had any been set at the time. Only one or two close-reefed storm stay-sails could be carried. As the vessel rolled her decks under water, it was difficult for the officers and seamen to save themselves from being swept overboard. This sort of weather continued until Jan. 6, when the Banks were passed, but on the second day of the new year the storm arrived at a grand climax. The hurricane was from south-east. Sheets of spray and foam almost hid her spars and rigging from sight, while her decks were frequently submerged by the great waves which broke over the sides, but were again rolled off by the plucky vessel, which would insist on coming to the surface if only for a breathing spell. The officers and men performed their duties amid great difficulty and peril. Any one of them might, without a moment's warning, be swept overboard, and thus hurried into eternity, and the horror be unnoticed. No attempt at a rescue could have been made under such circumstances. One frightful sea broke over the vessel during that day, and for a moment it seemed to all on board as though the Arragon was foundering. The watch on deck clung to the bulwarks, while the waters poured in torrents over the side. When the ship began to recover from the shock and rolled the greater portion of the water which she had shipped from the decks, the pilot-house, with its wheel and steering apparatus was gone, and nothing remained there but the shattered stanchions. The starboard quarter-boat had been swept away, and the life-boat near it had been lifted out of its chocks and was swinging heavily. The cabin ventilator was shrivel away, and the stanchions and rails were gone in several places. The bulwarks were bent, and the ship was nearly ripped in two to prevent the vessel from breaking in. Fortunately, none of the crew were washed overboard. The storm continued until the 6th, when the Banks of Newfoundland were passed. The weather then moderated. On Dec. 31, in latitude 45° 40' and longitude 40° 10', the Arragon met a German steam-ship bound east and was passed. Feeling that a great deal of heavy weather was still to be encountered, Capt. Brown signaled the other vessel to report on the other side that the Arragon was still afloat. Few of the officers or men of the Arragon had ever before seen more and worse weather than that which she had to contend with during her recent passage. The steam-ship Gellert, of the Hamburg Line, which arrived at Quarantine at 1 o'clock yesterday morning also met with extremely heavy weather. Severe westerly gales and heavy snow-storms and hurricane squalls were met with until the Banks were passed. Variable weather has since been experienced by the Gellert. The Norwegian bark Argo, which arrived from London yesterday, was in a hurricane of 12 hours' duration on Dec. 5 in latitude 30° and longitude 36°.

Within the last week the Banks were passed by most of the steam-ships, Capt. Brown of the bark Reviewer, which reached port from Antwerp, yesterday, states that his recent voyage was remarkable for the fine weather met with. On the night of Dec. 9, when off the Isle of Wight, all sail was set. The bark drew ahead of the middle watch, and it was not necessary to take off any canvas until Sandy Hook was reached. Westerly winds prevailed during only three days of the passage, and were very light. George S. Kirby, a seaman on the bark Resolute, from Rio Janeiro, fell from the foretop-gallant yard to the deck on Dec. 19, and died 15 minutes afterward. His remains were buried at sea. Capt. Borg, of the bark San Francisco, which arrived from Barcelona, Spain, yesterday, says that on Jan. 3, in latitude 31° 7', and longitude 73° 34', he fell in with the bark Chitrampas, of Pictou, bound from Rivre Tinto, Spain, for Boston, in charge of her mate, who reported that the master died at sea nearly three weeks before. The *Maritime Record* mentions a British bark of that name which sailed from Rouen for this port on Nov. 7, commanded by Capt. McLean. She is probably the vessel which was passed.

THE MARINE SOCIETY.

RENEWED EVIDENCES OF THE PROSPERITY OF AN OLD NEW-YORK INSTITUTION.

The one hundred and eleventh annual meeting of the Marine Society of the Port of New-York was held in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon. There was a full attendance. The report of Treasurer Ellis showed receipts during the year, including balance on hand Jan. 12, 1879, of $14,914 59, and expenditures of $13,262 02, leaving unexpended in bank $1,652 57. The Society owns mortgages aggregating $44,800, and call loans and deposits amounting to $7,552 50 more. It also owns the property, a four-story brownstone building, No. 425 East Sixteenth-street, bringing in $800 a year, and two in Brooklyn, viz: No. 187 Clarson-avenue, rented for $400, and No. 409 DeKalb-avenue, rented for $360; total rentals, $1,560 a year. Secretary Perkins reported that 54 persons have been added and joined during the year, and one honorary member—the Rev. William M. Taylor, of the Broadway Tabernacle—was elected. Three members died during the year. Fifty-six widows and orphans of sea Captains are on the pension list, and draw an aggregate of $8,400 annually. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President—Ambrose Snow; First Vice-President—E. G. Tinker; Second Vice-President—Robert Mackie; Secretary—Joseph Perkins; Treasurer—G. D. B. Trask; Assistant—William Allen Butler; President Snow, in his speech of thanks, suggested that a rule should be adopted to add each year to the permanent fund of the society a certain sum, even $500, to increase its efficiency. This might require a revision of the pension list, and any such amendment might be made up by the members. Capts. Ellis and Hilton were appointed members of the Standing Committee, to fill vacancies. The rest of last year's committee were reappointed. Capt. Richard Lane was reappointed a Pilot Commissioner to represent the society in the Board for the Licensing of Sailors' Boarding-houses. Dr. O. Henry King was reappointed surgeon to the society. The members then adjourned to Keih's restaurant, in Pearl-street, where the annual dinner of the society was spread. The wine was as unusually elaborate as ever, and ample justice was done to it. While the coffee was being served, President Snow offered as a toast "The Prosperity of the Marine Society." Mr. William Allen Butler responded in a few well-chosen words, landing the past history of the society, and predicting for it a useful future. A number of other speeches were made, and it was late before the jovial gathering dispersed.

THE VALUE OF A DAUGHTER'S SERVICES.

Among the 14 persons killed, Sept. 28, 1878, by the explosion of the boiler of the steam-boat Adelphi, at Norwalk, Conn., was Miss Sarah Leonard, who was about 22 years of age. Her father, as administrator of her estate, sued the Columbian Steam Navigation Company to recover damages. The suit was tried last March before Judge Barrett and a jury, in the Supreme Court, Circuit, and a verdict was rendered giving the plaintiff the statutory amount of damages—$5,000. To that sum Judge Barrett added an extra allowance. The defendant corporation appealed from this judgment, and arguments on the appeal were heard yesterday by the Supreme Court, General Term. Mr. Denis McMahon appeared for the defendant. He argued that at the trial in the lower court Judge Barrett erred in refusing to dismiss the action, on the ground that, as Miss Leonard was killed in Connecticut, her case was governed by the laws of that State, which do not give any right of action for pecuniary injuries suffered by next of kin of persons killed in any other way than through the negligence of railroad companies. He also argued that the jury erred, in the face of evidence, in giving as large a verdict for the plaintiff. Mr. Christopher Fine, who appeared for the plaintiff, argued that the cause of action arose under the laws of Connecticut, and could be maintained in any State of the Union. He claimed that the jury alone was entitled to determine pecuniary damages, and could estimate them on the basis of the loss of any or all persons by reason of the death of the plaintiff by the killing of Miss Leonard. The court reserved its decision.

THE PILOTAGE QUESTION.

Two petitions were in circulation down Iowa, yesterday. One is addressed to Congress, and asks for "the passage of a bill to abolish the system of compulsory pilotage, so that one of the heavy burdens on American commerce may be removed." The other is to the Legislature, and demands "the passage of laws which shall reduce the fees for piloting vessels entering the port of New-York by way of Sandy Hook or Hell Gate to the rates established before the war, and to abolish compulsory pilotage, and the unnecessary and burdensome tax thereby imposed on the commerce and prosperity of the Empire State." These are being numerously signed.

COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

NEW-YORK, Monday, Jan. 12, 1880.

The receipts of the principal items of Produce since our last have been as follows:

Ashes, pkgs		Sugar, hhds	3
R. Wool, bales	115	Oil, bbls	150
W. Wool, bales	440	Oil-cake, pkgs	1,565
Cotton, bales	18,712	Oil, Lard, bbls	100
Cotton-seed oil, bbls	558	Pea-nuts, bags	1,149
Copper, bbls	1,350	Pecans, pkgs	87
Dried Fruit, pkgs	42	Pork, bbls	497
Eggs, pkgs	1,128	Beef, pkgs	956
Flour, bbls	28,767	Cutmeats, pkgs	2,168
Grain, bushels	100	Lard, tcs	2,647
Wheat, bushels	45,676	Lard, kegs	479
Corn, bushels	175,610	Butter, pkgs	3,616
Oats, bushels	118,600	Cheese, pkgs	9,213
Rye, bushels	1,350	Dressed Hogs, No.	671
Malt, bushels	2,800	Quicksilver, flasks	950
Barley, bushels	8,565	Rice, tcs	544
Peas, bushels	7,900	Rice, bags	50
Oat-meal, pkgs	300	Rice Flour, pkgs	240
Flax-seed, bags	218	Sugar, hhds	248
Grass, pkgs	119	Skins, bales	2,701
Grass-seed, bags	111	Starch, pkgs	306
Hides, No.	1,129	Sparting, pkgs	310
Hides, sides	701	Sumac, bags	210
Hops, bales	143	Tallow, pkgs	120
Molasses, hhds	12,546	Tobacco, hhds	161
Molasses, bbls	66	Tobacco, pkgs	1,651
Molasses, tcs	2,124	Whisky, bbls	182
Spirits Turp, bbls	433	Wool, bales	
Rosin, bbls	2,027		

COFFEE—Rio in moderate demand at about former rates; 9,200 bags Rio, by the line, and 300 bags, by the Koln, sold on private terms. We quote ordinary invoice at 14½c.@14¾c; fair at 15¼c.@16c.; good at 16¼c.@16½c; prime at 16¾c.@17c.....Other kinds unchanged, quiet.

COTTON—In the line of options a fairly active movement has been reported with January and February positions quoted up 7@10 points, and later options also a trifle stronger.... Early deliveries very quiet at former prices.... Sales have been reported for prompt delivery of 423 bales, including 325 bales to spinners. Low Middling quoted at 12 7-16c.@12 9-16c., Strict Low Middling at 12¾c.@12¾c., Middling at 12 13-16c.@13 1-16c., Fair at 14 9-16c.@14 11-16c.....And for forward delivery, sales have been reported to-day of 176,100 bales, basis of Middling.... The receipts today have been 22,129 bales, and thus far this week, 42,543 bales, (against 54,325 bales same time preceding week,) and since Sept. 1, 1879, have been 3,374,278 bales, against 2,862,617 bales in the preceding Orleans year.... Consolidated exports (one day) for Great Britain from all the shipping ports, 14,498 bales; to the Continent, 5,709 bales; consolidated stock at the ports, 994,894 bales.....Stock in New-York to-day, 192,887 bales.

Option sales for days.

Month.	Sales.	Price.
January	3,100	12.67@12.75
February	34,400	12.75@12.94
March	61,900	13.00@13.14
April	40,000	13.20@13.34
May	22,100	13.39@13.51
June	9,400	13.54@13.65
July	3,800	13.67@13.74
August	1,700	13.76@13.86

Transferable orders issued at 12.90.

Closing Prices on Options.

Month.	Saturday.	To-day.
January	12.75@12.77	12.85@12.87
February	12.87@12.88	12.94@12.95
March	13.12@13.13	13.14@13.15
April	13.33@13.35	13.33@13.34
May	13.51@13.52	13.52@13.53
June	13.63@13.64	13.63@13.70
July	13.76@13.77	13.77@13.78
August	13.90@13.91	13.88@13.90

Saturday's Average on Options.

January	12.81	May	13.54
February	13.00	June	13.61
March	13.22	July	13.76
April	13.45	August	14.04

Closing Prices of Cotton in New-York.

	Uplands.	N. O. and Gulf.	Texas.
Ordinary	11 1-16	11 3-16	11 3-16
Strict Ordinary	11 7-16	11 9-16	11 9-16
Good Ordinary	11⅞	12	12
Low Middling	12 7-16	12½	12¾
Strict Low Middling	12¾	12¾	12¾
Middling	12 13-16	12 15-16	12 15-16
Strict Middling	13 1-16	13 3-16	13 3-16
Middling Fair	13 9-16	13 7-16	13 7-16
Fair	14 9-16	14 11-16	14 11-16

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Good Ordinary	10¾	Low Middling	11 15-16
Strict Good Ord	11⅛	Middling	12⅜

FLOUR AND MEAL—State and Western Flour has been offered more freely, and has been again quoted decidedly lower, in most instances 10c.@15c. ⅌ bbl., without stimulating operations, which to-day were, as a rule, very limited, even for home use. The only important business reported for shipment embraced about 3,000 bbls. City Mill Extras, low grade, for the English market, at $3 75@$3 80.....Sales have been reported since our last of 12,250 bbls. of all grades.....Included in the reported sales were 650 bbls. Low Extras, for shipment, within the range of $5 50@$5 75; for Interior and Western Extras, $5 75@$6 25; and 5,400 bbls. City Mill Extras, including West India grades, within the range of $6 50@$6 75 for about fair to very choice, and South American brands quoted at $6 80@$7 (the latter for Extra); and poor to choice English brands at $5 50@$5 85; (3,000 bbls. went about $5 57½@$5 60;) 1,700 bbls. Minnesota and Wisconsin clear, in lots, at $5 50@$6 75; mainly at $5 90@$6 25; 1,150 bbls. Ohio, at $5 50@$6 75; and 2,000 bbls. Western for ordinary to very choice, mostly at $5 65@$7 25; 400 bbls. Patent Extras at from $7 00@, the latter for very fancy, mostly at $7 50@$8 25; 2,500 bbls. Winter Wheat Extras, at $5 90@$7 75, mostly at $6 25@$7 25; 350 bbls. Patent Extras, Winter, (these at $7 50@$9, the latter for strictly fancy, mainly at $7 50@$8 50;) 500 bbls. Superfine, these chiefly at $5@$5 50 for poor to ordinary choice Spring, and $5 10@$5 60 for ordinary to fancy Winter Wheat; 1,600 bbls. No. 2, these at $4 25@$4 50 for very poor to very choice Spring, and $4 75@$5 for Winter. Also, 1,000 bbls. (very choice to fancy brands held at higher figures.)..... sales reported of 150 bbls., in lots.....Corn-meal in very slack request: Yellow Western quoted at $2 60@$3 10 as to quality, and choice at $3 25@$3 35; 500 bbls. Western at $3 75@$3, Brandywine at $3 30.....Corn-meal, in bags, offered more freely, and quoted lower on a dull market; quoted at the close at $1 68@$1 90 ⅌ 100 lbs., as to quality, the latter for choice.....Buckwheat Flour very quiet at from $2 10@$2 30 for ordinary to very choice.....Of Buckwheat, a car-load reported sold at 62c.....Oat-meal very dull; quoted at from $5@$7 25 for ordinary to fancy brands ⅌ bbl.

GRAIN—Under a decided pressure to place supplies, represented as largely in the speculative interest, prices of Winter grades of Wheat declined fully 2c.@3c. a bushel, on a generally heavy, though fluctuating, market. As the reduced figures, a much more active movement has been reported, chiefly on speculative account, and in the February and March options on No. 2 Red, and the corresponding options on No. 2 Spring. The export call was moderate, and mainly for No. 1 White and No. 2 Red, about, though ungraded stock attracted some attention from shippers. Spring Wheat has been sparingly offered, though quoted down about 2c. a bushel, and, at the close, weak.....Western reports were generally of depression. Cable advices also of heavy markets.

Sales have been reported of 1,456,000 bushels, (of which 144,000 bushels for prompt delivery,) including 31,000 bushels No. 1 White at $1 42@$1 49, closing at $1 48 as the best bid, (against $1 50¾ asked on Saturday;) 1,000 bushels Amber Winter, closing at $1 48@$1 49, closing at $1 48½ (against $1 50¾ on Saturday;) 184,000 bushels do., February options, at $1 50@$1 52, closing at $1 50, (against $1 52¾ on Saturday;) 120,000 bushels do., March options, at $1 51@$1 53¾, closing at $1 51¾, (against $1 55 on Saturday;) 20,000 bushels ungraded White, mostly in store, at $1 40@$1 47; 49,000 bushels No. 2 Red at $1 42@$1 43, closing at $1 49¾, (against $1 52¾ on Saturday;) 432,000 bushels do., February options, at $1 51¾@$1 54, closing at $1 51¾, (against $1 55 on Saturday;) 348,000 bushels do., March options, at $1 53¾@$1 55¾, chiefly at $1 55¾, closing at $1 53¾, (against $1 56¾ on Saturday;) 1,000 bushels Amber Winter, at $1 42@$1 43; 26,000 bushels No. 3 Chicago Spring for export, at $1 32@$1 37, chiefly at $1 36; 400 bushels Rejected Spring, at $1 15; 5,300 bushels ungraded Rye, at $1 20.....Corn has been fairly active, opening generally lower, in most instances about ½c.@¾c. a bushel, but for No. 2, early delivery, rallying rather sharply to recover the decline, under urgent offerings. The export demand was good, late in the afternoon, for No. 2 and Steamer Mixed. Options left off rather heavily. Sales have been reported of 328,000 bushels, (of which 164,000 bushels for early delivery,) including New-York No. 2, early delivery, about 64,000 bushels, at 50c.@50½c., closing at 50½c.; 20,000 bushels Western Mixed, and two prime, in lots, at 50½@50¾c.; do., January, 96,000 bushels, at 50¾@50¾c., closing at 50c. bid; do., February, 56,000 bushels, at 50½@50¾c., closing at 50c.; do., March, 32,000 bushels, at 50¾c.; do., May, 8,000 bushels, at 53¼c.; New-York steamer Mixed, 57¼@58c.; do., January options, 8,000 bushels, at 58c.; do., February option, 32,000 bushels at 57¾@58c.; Western Mixed, sold at 49c., and 49½c., as to quality; New-York No. 2, at 56¼@56¾c., chiefly at 56c.; No. 2 White at 56c.; steamer White at 60c.@61c.; steamer Yellow at 58c.....Rye declined about 1c. ⅌ 56 pounds, in sympathy with the depression in most of other kinds, leading to a moderately active movement for export. Sales reported of 8,000 bushels prime State, in store at 93c.; 24,000 bushels do. afloat at 93½c., and No. 2 Western, in store, quoted, at 93c., 93½ and 94c. 96c. asked.....Barley very quiet; quoted as before; 5,000 bushels ungraded Canada reported sold on private terms.....Barley-malt steady, with strictly prime to very choice Canada quoted at $1 15@$1 20, cash and time.....30,000 bushels choice Canada reported sold at $1 20, cash.....Canada Peas dull and unsettled.....Oats have declined 1c. ⅌ 2c. a bushel, on free

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The Signal Service Bureau report indicates for to-day, in this region, rising barometer, colder north-east to north-west winds, rain or snow, followed by clearing weather.

It appears that the Railroad bill, of which an extended synopsis was given in these columns yesterday, merely embodies the opinions of Mr. SIMON STERNE as to what such a bill ought to be, and cannot be regarded as in any sense the work of the Hepburn Committee. There is, doubtless, a good deal in the proposed act which coincides with the conclusions reached by the committee, and it may furnish material for the bill which they will present to the Legislature as the practical embodiment of their labors. It is extremely doubtful, however, whether the committee will agree with Mr. STERNE about the amplitude of the powers which he proposes to confer on the State Commissioners of Railroads, and it is to be hoped that they will be able to draft a bill less cumbrous and verbose than that published yesterday. While Mr. STERNE deserves all credit for the zeal and ability which he has brought to the work of railroad reform, his friends would have shown a more discreet regard for his reputation had they accompanied the copies of his bill with the frank intimation that it was one for which he was solely responsible, and which the committee had neither accepted nor rejected.

Assistant Postmaster-General BRADY admitted before the committee of investigation yesterday that the placing of service on 1,300 of the 2,000 new "star routes" authorized by Congress only needed an expenditure of $434,000, while the extension of contracts on old routes accounted for $1,700,000 of the deficiency which Congress is asked to make good. Mr. BRADY did not appear to think that the Post Office Department was amenable to the law which prohibits any officer of the Government from incurring obligations not provided for by the appropriations of the fiscal year. He failed to explain whether the department considered the appropriations for the current year adequate to the fulfillment of the contracts for the establishment of new routes or whether the additional contracts for extended service on old routes were made under an appropriation adequate to their fulfillment. So far, Mr. BRADY's testimony only deepens the impression left by the exposures of the management of the star service, that extremely loose methods of administration have been allowed to prevail in the Post Office Department.

A vote was taken in the House yesterday which indicates that in regard to one branch of industry at least that body entertains somewhat radical views in regard to the tariff. A motion was made to suspend the rules and pass a bill for the free importation of salt in every form. Mr. CONGER, of Michigan, with an eye to certain purely local interests, promptly moved to adjourn, which was refused, when a vote was taken on the original motion, and resulted in a tie, 115 to 115. As this was a pretty strong vote, it is quite possible that should this measure come up on its merits, it might pass, and a more moderate and gradual one would be still more likely to do so. Considering the extent to which salt enters into the preparation of important articles, and that the home-made salt has been competing successfully with foreign salt in cases where it is free from duty, some change in the tariff is obviously demanded.

The preliminary taxable valuations of New-York real estate for 1880, just completed by the Assessors, show an increase for every ward in the City, ranging from $43,600 in the Thirteenth to $9,348,520 in the Nineteenth Ward. The aggregate increase is $28,183,417, or about 3 per cent. on the valuations of last year. That is to say, New-York can raise next year, on the basis of these valuations, about a million of dollars more than this year, without any addition to its rate of taxation. As the Legislature can very easily enable the people of New-York to save at least a million of dollars on the salaries now fixed by law, and as another million can with equal ease be saved by enforced economy in the appropriations under the control of the Board of Apportionment, there is no good reason why New-York taxation should not in 1881 be 10 per cent. lower than the rate fixed for this year. The taxable resources of the City are certain to increase in proportion to the lightening of the heavy burdens which now check their development.

The Board of Education will elect a President to-morrow, and the name of Mr. RUFUS G. BEARDSLEE has been mentioned in connection with the position. Mr. BEARDSLEE is, with one exception, the member of the board who has seen most service, and his well-tried ability no less than his high personal character mark him out as one eminently fitted for the Presidency. No member of the board has given more time or more conscientious and painstaking attention to the discharge of his duties than Mr. BEARDSLEE. His untiring labors in connection with the evening schools are known and appreciated by all who have taken any interest in the cause of popular education in this City. He represents sound and conservative influences in the management of our public school system, and public confidence in the maintenance of that system independent of either partisan or sectarian interference would be greatly enhanced by the choice of Mr. BEARDSLEE for President of the Board of Education.

A STEP BACKWARD.

By some happy combination of circumstances the term of office of Collectors of Internal Revenue under the United States Government was made indefinite. Most of the important minor offices in our civil service are held for four years, the theory of this provision being that it is better that each President should have the legal opportunity, should he desire to avail himself of it, to make a complete change in all departments. According to the modern and intensely partisan idea of government in the United States, it appears impossible that the people should desire a change in the President, the heads of departments, and the Congress, without also wishing an overturning in the officers who collect the revenue, perform the postal service, or otherwise attend to the strictly business affairs of the Administration. But in some manner, perhaps not very clearly understood at the time, the Collectors of Internal Revenue were, when the Revenue law was passed, made an exception to this rule. It is not conceivable that the party in power at that time deliberately preferred the advantage of a tenure which was, inferentially at least, one for good behavior, for there never was a sharper and more unscrupulous scramble for office as pure patronage than in connection with the newly-created Collectorships. The revenue districts being made to cover the same territory as the Congressional districts, the Representatives of the dominant party in Congress seized upon the appointments as their own private and exclusive property. Nor this alone. The nomination of a man to the House in a Democratic district was supposed to confer upon him some claim to dictate who should be appointed in that district. It would be going too far to say that the interests of the service were entirely disregarded in the selections made. Far from it. Many excellent men were introduced to the service. But the public interests were not the only ones studied, and in too many cases they were not the controlling ones. Owing, however, to the peculiarity of the tenure, it came about that a considerable proportion of the Collectors gradually became independent of the influences which contributed to their appointment, and gave a greater degree of attention to their official duties than to politics.

It is now proposed at Washington to change all this. Commissioner RAUM has already suggested that it would be a good plan to fix the tenure of Internal Revenue Collectors, and the matter was discussed in Cabinet meeting on Friday. The ostensible purpose of the change is to get rid of a certain number of Collectors who have grown old in the service and who are not now as active as they once were. But it is to be hoped that the Government will not make such a confession of imbecility as is involved in so extensive a revolution to accomplish so small an improvement. It would be no more unkind to the few superannuated Collectors who may be found here and there throughout the Union, to frankly remove them on the ground that they were no longer capable of doing duty than it would be to set a term to their office. And as the Government has not hesitated in numerous cases, some occurring under Mr. HAYES himself, to make changes solely for political reasons, there should not be lacking the courage and firmness to make others really demanded by the interests of the service. It is reported from the Treasury Department that there are at present forty Collectors who have been in continuous service for more than ten years, and some of them nearly eighteen years; and this fact seems to be regarded as a sound reason for effecting a sweeping change in the tenure. It is, in reality, an imperative reason for making none. A tenure which has secured such unusual and remarkable stability in a branch of the service where stability is peculiarly necessary and advantageous, must be acknowledged to have approved itself by experience. Other things being equal, the longer a man has been in the service, the more efficiently and economically he should be able to perform his duties. If this is not so, if, on the contrary, his long service seems to make improvement difficult, then there is something radically wrong in the system to which he belongs, and the remedy should be sought elsewhere than in shortening the term of office. If the system is defective, a new man will bring to it the added deficiencies of inexperience, and will soon fall into the errors of his predecessor. If the system is a good one, length of service must be accepted as an incontestable advantage for an officer.

The fact is, that the only considerable motive for any such change as is proposed is that of the politicians, who regard with jealousy any position that is not open to their assaults at least once in four years. From their stand-point their feeling is not unreasonable. If offices are the reward and stimulus of political exertion, they should be distributed in such a way as to compensate and encourage as many "workers" as possible. An officer who knows, or thinks that he knows, that he is secure in his position so long as he does his work honestly and well, very naturally neglects the interests of his party or of his political associates. It is not worth his while to bother with them. On the contrary, a man who holds an important position for a comparatively short time, must keep his future in mind, and will not lose sight of the political influences and combinations to which he owed his success, and on which he must depend for help when he shall again have to be "cared for." It is perfectly reasonable to argue that a man who has held office for ten years has "had enough," if his office is given him in consideration of party work or political influence. In this view, it is greedy in him, and bad for his party, to cling to the dish too long. He ought, after a fair pull at it, to be ready to have it passed to others, whose hope of getting it is an incentive to partisan activity, and whose possession of it would be only fair.

But the conclusion is very different from the stand-point of the tax-payers and the public generally. To them, whatever may be their party predilections, their most important interest is to get good officers, and then to keep them as long as they remain good. Capacity and character being once obtained, experience is a constantly increasing advantage in an officer. And it would be as absurd, so far as the efficiency of the service is concerned, to change officers every four years as it would be for a railroad, a bank, or a business firm to make a similar change. If there are men in the service who have been good officers, and are so no longer, let them be dismissed. The selfish monarchies, and even the one great Republic, of the Old World would, in such cases, pay their worn-out servants a modest pension; but that is not to be expected under our present system, and as it has never been even inferentially promised, its want is no injustice. But, in the name of common-sense, do not let us abandon the one instance of reasonably stable tenure that we can find in an administrative service for the sake of getting rid of a half score aged officers.

A STATE WITHOUT GOVERNMENT.

The political situation in Maine is wholly without precedent. At the present moment there is no Government in that State. The attention of those enemies of republicanism—who have uniformly declared that such a state of things must obtain, under certain circumstances, and that anarchy would surely result therefrom—is directed to this fact. Notwithstanding the interregnum, there is no disorder; business goes on as before, and the normal prosperity of the people is not affected by the suspension of Governmental powers. Undoubtedly, there are many peaceful and industrious citizens of Maine who are going on with their work, secure in the belief that the complication at the capital will come out all right somehow. Meantime, however, there is no Governor. There is no recognized Legislature. The Constitution of the State provides that when "the office of Governor shall become vacant by death, resignation, removal from office, or otherwise, the President of the Senate shall exercise the office of Governor until another Governor shall be duly qualified." Like many other parts of the Maine Constitution, this clause is faulty in its phraseology; but its meaning is unmistakable. The President of the Senate becomes Governor when the office is made vacant. GARCELON's term having expired by constitutional limitation, the President of the Senate, if there be such an officer, should be acting Governor. But there is no President of the Senate, because there is no regular Senate. There is a Fusionist body calling itself the Senate, but it is not a legal organization. Leaving out those members who hold their seats by fraudulent and illegal certificates, the Senate has no quorum. Therefore, its acts are destitute of any binding force on anybody. The Supreme Court has decided that the Executive proceedings under which several so-called Senators claim seats are null and void. Therefore, this is no Senate; and there can be no President of the Senate. The law provides that, in case there shall be no President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House shall act as Governor. There is no Speaker of the House. The law says, furthermore, that, in case of there being no Speaker of the House, the Secretary of State shall be acting Governor. The Secretary of State has not ventured to take the office.

The so-called Fusion Senate has assembled and has gone through the form of electing a President—Mr. LAMSON. This person, assuming the Senate to be a legal and complete body, represents himself as the acting Governor of the State of Maine, by virtue of his office. He must qualify and take the oath of office in a joint convention of the two branches of the Legislature. There is not a legal Senate, and there is no quorum of the House. He cannot qualify, and his official dictum is not worth the paper on which it would be written. Should his authority be resisted, in the least important particular, the case would come before the courts, and the courts have already indicated what their decision would be. There is no officer of the Legislature qualified to act as Governor, because there is no Legislature. In whom, then, does the executive power reside? It seems that all executive power is suspended until the Legislature shall be lawfully organized. When it was proposed, the other day, that Representatives from the towns and cities disfranchised by GARCELON and his Council should be admitted to seats under the decision of the Supreme Court, it was instantly objected that only the Governor and Council could grant certificates, and that, as there were no Governor and Council, no members could be legally qualified. This wire-drawn decision has returned to plague its inventors. There is no Governor and Council, and there is no Legislature. If persons who claim to be members of the Legislature cannot be certified, because there is no Governor, a person claiming to be acting Governor cannot qualify, because there is no Legislature.

Gen. CHAMBERLAIN's position is a perfectly impregnable one. As Major-General of the State Militia, he has been left in charge of the property of the State by the retiring Governor. Just before the expiration of his term, Gov. GARCELON issued an order, dated Jan. 5, 1880, authorizing and directing Gov. CHAMBERLAIN "to protect public property and institutions until my [his] successor is duly qualified." This was signed and sealed by ALONZO GARCELON, as Governor, and Gen. CHAMBERLAIN announces that he is acting under this authority, and will continue to act until a Governor is legally elected and duly qualified. Gen. CHAMBERLAIN has never assumed the title or the duties of acting Governor, although at least one New-York newspaper, possessing a happy faculty for blundering, has hailed him as such. It should be borne in mind that the powers which Gen. CHAMBERLAIN has thus far exercised were expressly conferred upon him by his original warrant as Major-General of the Militia. He is yet in full possession of his office. And if any additional strength were needed to give validity to his actions, it will be found in the Gubernatorial commission which directs him to take charge of the property and institutions of the State until a Governor is legally elected and duly qualified.

In the meantime, certain Republicans, claiming seats, as shown on the face of the election returns, but refused certificates by GARCELON, have organized a Senate. Sixteen Senators constitute a quorum. Nineteen Republican Senators-elect, three more than a quorum, constitute the new Senate. These, after electing officers, have passed an order referring their claims to the Supreme Court for decision. In other words, these Republican Senators, without Gubernatorial certification, take their seats, organize, and ask for recognition by the Supreme Court. The Republican Representatives-elect—ninety-one in all—have imitated the Senate in every particular. This adds to the difficulties of the situation, which must eventually be composed by the judicial authority of the State.

THE ECONOMICAL BRIDGE.

The voluminous details of the Tay bridge disaster brought by the English and Scotch papers throw comparatively little light on the causes of what was designated in Queen VICTORIA's dispatch of inquiry as "the appalling calamity." In the long columns of narrative and description, we find few essential facts that were not transmitted or suggested in the cable dispatches, and little information regarding the construction of the bridge which we did not have before. The story is indeed brief, though capable of indefinite expansion. There were eye-witnesses, people who dwelt near the "marvel of engineering skill" that bore the railway traffic from Edinburgh across the frith to the north-east of Scotland. They describe the terrors of the storm and their wonder whether the evening train would venture over that slender iron lattice-work that seemed to sway in the sky. They saw it approach, and watched its lights with eagerness as it crept along the structure at the rate of only three or four miles an hour till flashes of light and a falling shower of fire in the darkness closed the vision, and they were left to conjecture what it meant. The signal-man at the bridge station, making his way painfully in the gale from his little perch, handed the stoker the baton without which the train could not proceed, and with a companion watched the receding red lights in its rear till they suddenly disappeared as if quietly extinguished. These were the first omens that led to an excited and perilous search in the night, and the revelation that thirteen long spans of the bridge had gone down, leaving a yawning space of near half a mile, and no sign of the railway train with its precious freight of ninety lives was to be found.

Next day came, of course, the national excitement, the beginning of the search, and the flood of conjectures. A woman's body, stray articles of portable property, and a few fragments of wreck were washed ashore, and for a short time of slack water between the tides, divers could go down and grope and feel their way below the engulfing flood. What we know of their dismal search settles one or two points. They found the engine and the cars still between the high girders that rose on the sides of the roadway in the loftiest part of the bridge and several spans from the edge of the chasm. This proves that the bridge went down after the train had entered upon the ruined section, and gives to the prophets after the fact an important footing. There is ground for claiming that the bridge alone might have withstood the storm, and the fault was in permitting the train to venture over in such a gale. The open lattice-work of the girders presented comparatively little resistance to the furious gale, but the train presented a surface of many hundred square feet, and lent its weight to the blast as the roadway swayed beyond the perpendicular of the supporting columns. Under this stress, the structure broke down, though it might have been safe if the fatal baton of the signal-man had not been delivered on such a fearful night. But there are critics bold enough to maintain that a bridge intended for railway traffic should be strong enough to bear the trains and the roughest weather to which it is liable to be subjected at the same time.

It seems that the Board of Admiralty required the structure to be high enough not to interfere with water traffic up and down the frith, and it is now claimed that this traffic is not sufficient to justify the requirement. A secure bridge, on low and solid piers, with a double draw, would have permitted expeditious passage for all the navigation of the place without subjecting the railway to inconvenience, but this was not permitted, and then the problem was to clear the passing vessels without making the bridge impracticably expensive. It has been a matter of some boasting that it was done at a cost of £350,000. The achievement presented for the engineers and builders was not to make an absolutely safe bridge, but to make one two miles long and over a hundred feet high at a given cost. The thing was done, but it was by placing a narrow roadway for a single track on long legs of cast-iron columns planted in foundations of brick and cement, incased in iron, and separated by strides increasing from either shore up to 245 feet in length. Some of the expert critics point out that if the roadway had been wider it would have had greatly-increased power of lateral resistance, but then it would have been too costly. Others say that long cast-iron columns, subjected to the changes of the Scottish climate and exposed to fierce gales, would not be safe in any case. The examination of the scene of disaster shows that these supports were generally broken off near the foundations, which appear not to have been displaced or materially injured. It is tolerably plain that the long spans of the bridge bearing the high girders, when subjected to the weight of the train and the force of the gale, as it struck the bulk of frame-work and of cars together, swayed until the supporting columns snapped, the lattice-work writhed and twisted in the air, and the long half-mile stretch of the Tay bridge plunged into the seething waters a hundred feet below.

The ninety lives on that Edinburgh train were sacrificed to economy in railway construction and carelessness in Government supervision. The North British Railway Company did not build the bridge, but it was a link in their line, and its cost concerned them directly. The exigencies of traffic in that direction justified a certain outlay in spanning the broad estuary of the Tay, and they would not exceed it. The Government permitted the fragile structure, that has become of such tragic interest, to be completed and opened to traffic, and no restriction seems to have been laid down, either by public authority or the rules of the company, as to the passage of trains in all kinds of weather. The public, as is their wont, put faith in Government inspection and the assurance of eminent engineers, and risked their lives, that once more the lesson might be taught that there is no economy equal to that of security.

AN INFALLIBLE NEWSPAPER.

The Romans are to have a new newspaper. Neither the old established Roman papers—such as the *Osservatore Romano* and the Rome *Sentinel*—nor the later swarm of Italian newspapers that have come into existence during the last eight years, are quite satisfactory to the authorities of the Roman Church. It has, therefore, been decided that in order to meet a great popular want; to occupy a field hitherto unoccupied, and, in short, to do all those things which new newspapers are always designed to do, a newspaper to be called the *Aurora*, and to be edited by Pope LEO XIII., shall be established. Whether the Pope is one of the proprietors of the *Aurora*, or whether he has simply been engaged at a large salary to act as its editor, is not yet definitely known, but the general opinion is that although he may be a stockholder to some extent, the controlling interest is held by other men.

It may not be generally known, but it is nevertheless true, that newspapers sometimes make mistakes. As a rule, every newspaper assumes to be infallible, but it can be demonstrated that an infallible newspaper never yet existed. The *Aurora* will, in this respect, be a complete novelty in the newspaper world. Having an infallible Pope as its editor, it must, of course, be itself infallible. With such an advantage over all its rivals, its immediate and brilliant success cannot be doubted.

Precisely how far the infallibility of the editor will extend to the *Aurora* is undoubtedly a question over which there will be almost as much discussion as there has been as to the extent of the Pope's personal and private infallibility. When he writes a "leader," in his editorial chair, the opinions therein expressed, and the assertions therein made, will, of course, be infallible. When, in like manner, he solemnly defines the editor of a rival sheet as a willful falsifier, or an unnecessary idiot, such definitions must be accepted by the faithful as admitting of no possible question. But will the other departments of the *Aurora* share this infallibility? When the dramatic critic condemns a play, or the reviewer praises a book, will their several opinions be infallibly correct, no matter how much they may differ from the opinions expressed by other writers? Will the reporter who writes a column description of a ball at the Quirinal be miraculously accurate in his account of the ladies' dresses, and can he feel sure that his connection with an infallible paper will insure him against confounding gussets with piping-cords, or committing the other errors to which the masculine mind is prone when grappling with the abstruse mysteries of female dress? And will the agricultural department be infallible? When the *Aurora* directs the Roman farmer to sow his strawberries in March, and to hoe his currants in May, can such directions be trusted implicitly, or will it be possible for the agricultural editor to make a mistake that may entail the ruin of strawberries and currants? These are questions which must be definitely settled. While every one will readily concede the general infallibility of the *Aurora*, the precise extent of this infallibility must be defined before the true value of the paper can be known.

Without doubt, however, the *Aurora* will be preserved, by the infallibility of its editor, from typographical errors. Unless this is the case, the Pope might be made to utter very reprehensible things, and his infallibility might be completely frustrated by a wicked or careless compositor. It will be a great pleasure to the contributors to the *Aurora* to know that their articles will always be correctly printed, and it is easy to foresee that in its reports of the stock market this typographical infallibility will be a matter of much consequence.

While it will be a great gain for mankind to have an infallible newspaper, it is by no means certain how the Pope will like the labor of conducting it. He must expect to be constantly bored by Kings, who will call at his office in search of free advertising. King ALFONSO, of Spain, will ask the Pope to mention that "our young friend, Alfonso, has just given a dollar and a half to the Madrid Society for the Relief of Indigent Bull-fighters," and the Prince of Monaco will request the insertion of a little paragraph, saying that "the Casino at Monte Carlo was never more brilliant than it is this season." Sooner or later, Pope LEO must expect to receive a visit from the Hon. S. S. Cox, who will beg him to mention that "our witty and genial friend Cox, the eminent American statesman, is now in town collecting materials for a new book, to be entitled 'Why we Fail to Make other People Laugh.' Still more objectionable will be the visits of injured Irish exiles, who, forgetting the editor's infallibility, will request him to "rethract the false and ungintlemanly shtatement that Phaynix Parrk is smaller than Raygint's Parrk." These will be among the inevitable trials of the editor's life, and he may find abundant reason to regret that he ever left the quiet of the Vatican for the toil and trouble of journalism.

Nevertheless, we can gladly welcome the Pope into the ranks of journalists. He is an able and accomplished man, and the fact that he is willing to become an editor of a newspaper shows that he has a clearer appreciation of the age in which he lives than has been shown by any of his predecessors.

The spread of Nihilism in the Russian Army is a very ominous fact, not merely from its actively pernicious results, but also from its neutralizing the one safeguard against revolution which has long been peculiar to Russia among all the nations of Europe. The bulk of the population is so widely scattered as to be absolutely incapable of combined action, while the whole Empire contains only five cities—viz., St. Petersburg, Moscow, Kieff, Warsaw, and Odessa—of more than 100,000 inhabitants. The quartering of a powerful army corps in or near each of these places was an effectual bridle to disaffection while the soldiers remained loyal. But now that the Nihilist propagandism has entered the camp likewise, the numbers and concentration of the troops are likely to be as hurtful to the Government as they were once helpful to it. So long as only 5 per cent. of the soldiers could read, disaffection moved slowly; but the present rapid advance of education threatens to confront Russia with the old question, "Who shall keep the keepers?"

We have so few old things in this very new country that the history of the large copper cent, now withdrawn from circulation, and very rarely seen, should not be without interest. It is, as everybody knows, a contraction of cent-um, and is so called because it is the hundredth part of a dollar. It was suggested by ROBERT MORRIS, the famous financier, to whom the struggling colonies were so much indebted for their independence, but got its name from THOMAS JEFFERSON. The cent made its first appearance in New-Haven, under act of Congress, in 1787, and the same year Massachusetts authorized coins of like value, and issued them. It was not sent out by the Mint at Philadelphia until 1792, when it was decorated with the head of WASHINGTON on one side and 13 stars on the other. The French Revolution created a furor here, with such partiality for French notions, that the Goddess of Liberty was substituted for the first President of the Commonwealth, and an olive wreath for the chain of stars. The goddess was very French in semblance, having a long, propendent neck, with grandly flowing locks. She was succeeded in due time by a severer lady of freedom, having Grecian features and a fillet around her hair. Our coinage has never been remarkable for the excellence of its dies. The figures on all of it are far from what they ought to be, and reflect small credit on our artistic execution. The head on the present small cent, for instance, is not only clumsy, it is ambiguous. Very few persons know whether it is intended for the Goddess of Liberty or for one of our aboriginals. It might be either or both, and the cunning designer may purposely have so left it that we can have it, as becomes free citizens, exactly as we choose.

PHILIPPE DENNERY, who has recently written a new play, the "Chevalier de Lamolière," soon to be presented at the Union-Square, has been little known in this country until within a few years, although it is near half a century since he presented his first drama, "Emile, or, the Son of a Peer of France," at a theatre in Paris, and won a very fair success. He is a native of the French capital; his parents were Jews, and his early life was passed in anything but luxury. He managed, however, to get a tolerable education, and learned a great deal from observation, which has always stood him in good stead. He began as clerk of a notary—it was necessary for him to support himself—afterward attempted painting, and then journalism, relinquishing the latter because he believed he had a talent for producing plays—the most lucrative form of literature in France. His early pieces were mostly vaudevilles, comediettas, spectacles and the like. They were popular, and added more to his purse than to his fame. Until lately, he has not ranked very high in Paris, where he has been called a *dramaturge*. But, within a few years, he has shown increased power and scope, and the "Two Orphans" and "A Celebrated Case," as they were named here, have had marked prosperity in Europe not less than in this country. He is one of the few authors whose ability increases with years. He is now not far from 69, and is doing his best work. He has been exceedingly prolific, having furnished to the stage, alone and in collaboration with others, not less than 250 pieces. His most famous work, done in conjunction with PIXEL DUMANOIR, is "Don Cæsar de Bazan," (claimed by Boucicault, who translated it in a double sense,) written 40 years ago, and said to have been freely adapted from the Spanish. DENNERY is asserted to be one of the richest dramatists in France. He has made, according to report, about 1,000,000 francs by his pieces, and his judicious management has more than doubled the sum. His pen is more in demand than ever, and he thinks he will live to write at least 50 more plays. His intellect appears to flower with age. His last drama is represented as his best.

There are a great many minor matters in regard to the treatment of Englishmen on the Continent, which arouse the ire of their fellow-countrymen. A case lately happened in Russia, which the leading English journals produce in extenso. In 1876 a fire broke out in Cronstadt, which drew some curious Englishmen to it. One of them having inadvertently approached or passed a line of sentinels, was felled to the ground by a soldier, the Englishman's skull being fractured by the stock and of a musket. The blow looked as if it would be fatal. The injured man was taken to a hospital and after a time recovered. The friends of the wounded man preferred a complaint against the soldier for unjustifiable treatment. The complaint was barely listened to, for it was alleged that the Englishman had struck the soldier in the execution of his duty. A promise was made that the soldier should, however, be reprimanded and the reprimand was given something in this way, that the mistake made was, that instead of the soldier having used the butt of his weapon, he should have run the Englishman through with the bayonet. As to the party with the broken head, his passport was taken from him, and at the same time he was forbidden to leave the country. A chase was issued two years after the event threatening the Englishman with a court-martial, and for three years military punishment hung over him. At last the British Embassy was forced to take cognizance of the facts, and to the amazement of all St. Petersburg, as things in Russia freeze on longer, the Englishman was cited before a military tribunal. The British Consul watched the case, employing the Russian advocate attached to the English Embassy. The proceedings are described as having been carried on with the most impartial justice. It was proved that the Englishman, seeing that a blow was about to be given him, had only put himself in the approved method of defense, i. e., had "squared off." The Procurator, in his speech, acted handsomely, and brought out everything he could in favor of the prisoner, and a triumphant acquittal ensued. Still, Englishmen ask why were three years allowed to pass before justice was done? The general moral to be derived from this is that when strangers see a row of any kind in Russia, especially when soldiers or policemen are present, it is most advisable to keep out of the way. Curiosity, under such circumstances, is very often prone to bring about the most disagreeable consequences.

Chili has, by her late brilliant victories over Peru and Bolivia, come to the front distinguishing herself by a courage, dash, and energy very unusual with the South American Republics. Indeed, she has ever since achieving her independence, 70 years ago, been noted for the intelligent and judicious administration of her affairs, compared with the Governments by which she is surrounded. She has enjoyed, too, a degree of peace and prosperity which the other Commonwealths of kindred race have not known, owing unquestionably to the larger proportion of Europeans among her inhabitants. Chili is divided into 16 Provinces, of which the aggregate area is 130,000 square miles, containing, in 1875, a population of 2,068,447. Santiago is the capital and the principal port. Valparaiso is connected with it by rail and telegraph. Her total exports in 1874 were about $37,000,000, and her imports $38,500,000, the chief export being copper, generally more than one-third of the entire amount. The foreign commerce is carried on mainly with Great Britain, which sends there a great deal of iron and cotton and woolen manufactures. Five years ago the Army, raised by subscription, was but 2,516 men, and the Navy, 10 small steamers and the two large iron-clads which have proved so effective in recent engagements. While Roman Catholicism is the prevailing creed, other creeds are protected by laws lately passed. Chili is the least democratic State, politically, in the Western Hemisphere. The Legislature is composed of two houses, the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate. The Deputies sit for three years, and the Senators are chosen for nine years, retiring by thirds at the end of every third year. In order to vote for a Deputy, one must possess either $500 in real, or $1,000 in personal, property, and nearly twice as much to vote for a Senator. In Santiago and Valparaiso, where wealth is more abundant, the qualifying amount needs to be doubled. In 1848 attempts were vainly made to abolish or modify these restrictions upon suffrage. The country has succeeded so well under the prevailing system, that any change would, it is argued, be accompanied with more or less peril. Five years ago the Republic had only about 1,000 miles of railway, and there is still great lack of highways, both as to quantity and quality. The absence of these and of bridges is a serious bar to development and progress. Nevertheless, for a South American State, Chili is among loyally prosperous.

A GREAT SHIP CANAL PROJECT.

RESULTS OF SURVEYS FOR A CANAL BETWEEN DELAWARE AND CHESAPEAKE BAYS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The Secretary of War transmitted to the Senate to-day a letter from the Chief of Engineers, and accompanying it, a copy of a report from Major W. P. Craighill, Corps of Engineers, of a survey made on the Peninsula of Maryland and Delaware, in compliance with the requirements of the acts of June 18, 1878, with a view to the construction of a ship canal, to connect the waters of the Delaware and Chesapeake Bays. The report sets forth that the surveys were conducted under the personal supervision of Mr. N. H. Hutton, beginning in August, 1878, and closing in January, 1879. Six routes are estimated for, as shown in the following table. (The lengths given are, respectively, from Baltimore to a common point at sea, 12 miles outside of the Delaware Breakwater. The distances from Baltimore by the route now used to the same point are 325 miles, of which 70 miles are allowing a speed of 10 miles in open water, and 8 miles in dredged channels):

Name.	Length in Miles.	Length of Canal. Proper.	Cost.	Relative Time of Transit in Hours.
Choptank	149.81	27.07	$16,500,000	19¼
Choptank, (inland)	138.91	36.00	18,250,000	19
Wye	128.49	42.99	26,333,333	17¾
Queenstown	107.29	53.78	37,250,000	17
Centreville	106.38	90.95	41,500,000	16¾
South-east Cr.	115.78	38.53	28,000,000	15¼
Sassafras	129.28	16.20	8,000,000	19 1-16

[NOTE.—The length of the Choptank inland route is excluding Broadkill.]

Mr. Hutton, in the course of his report to Mr. Craighill, says: "A review of the preceding figures and remarks would indicate that the Sassafras route is the shortest in time, and the cheapest route, but has very expensive approaches to maintain, and very serious conditions to be overcome, if it is to be used during the Winter. The Centreville and Queenstown routes are the most direct, next second as to time, but cost largely in excess of other routes, have expensive approaches to maintain on the Chesapeake side, and are, as the Sassafras route, liable to obstruction by ice during the Winter. The Choptank route takes slightly more time than the Sassafras route, and rates third in this respect, while it is second on the list in point of cost, its greatest advantages being in the matters of freedom from obstruction by ice and economy of maintenance of approaches." Mr. Craighill, in a supplemental report, dated Jan. 8, 1880, states that the foregoing estimate for the Sassafras River route was based upon data derived from the report of Mr. E. H. Laroche, on his survey of 1874. A new survey was executed in December, 1879, and as this route is preferred by many because of its being the shortest yet estimated for, it would seem to determine the cost of enlarging and otherwise modifying the existing Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, which debouches into the Chesapeake Bay by way of Elk River, the entrance thereto being only a few miles from that of the Sassafras. The United States has already spent about $500,000 on the Elk River route. The new estimate for the Sassafras route amounts to $8,500,000, or about $500,000 more than the previous estimate. It is for a ship canal, 100 feet wide on the bottom, 26 feet below low water; side slopes, one and a half to one, with a surface width of 142 feet wide and 30 feet above the bottom. The other estimates are for a canal 100 feet wide at the bottom, 26 feet below mean low water; the width to be 178 feet at low water; the locks to have chambers 500 feet long and 60 feet wide; the locks only to be built, and these will probably be generally open and only exceptionally used.

ROBBERY OF A MAIL-CARRIER.

ONE CRIME BROUGHT TO LIGHT IN INVESTIGATING ANOTHER.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Jan. 12.—A crime, which has led to the discovery of another, was perpetrated about 10 miles from Marion Court-house, on the forenoon of Dec. 20. United States Commissioner Ladd, who is here attending the United States court, reports that on the day named Andrew Grice, who collects and distributes mail matter in the country Post Offices, on behalf of the main office at Marion, was knocked senseless and robbed of the mail. Grice's statement is that he received a blow on the back of the head by some unknown person concealed among the bushes in the bend of the road, near a swamp, which deprived him of his senses. On being aroused by citizens of the neighborhood, who, noticing his condition, had stopped his horse, he found the mail-bag gone. He returned with them to the spot where he received the blow, but all search proved fruitless. A few days after a hunting party discovered the missing bag in the woods, open, and

GEN. BRADY'S EXPLANATION

A LONG STATEMENT REGARDING STAR-ROUTE CONTRACTS.

THE CHARGES OF GROSS EXTRAVAGANCE SUSTAINED BY GEN. BRADY'S TESTIMONY —HOW THE LAWS HAVE BEEN VIOLATED —THE SERVICE TO BE MERCILESSLY CUT DOWN UNLESS CONGRESS SUPPLIES THE DEFICIENCY.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The Committee on Appropriations began to-day the investigation into the conduct of the star contracts, and examined Assistant Postmaster-General Brady at considerable length. Mr. Brady was permitted to read a long statement, which he had prepared with great care, in explanation and defense of the methods pursued by him in extending the service on the star routes, and upon concluding the reading he was questioned by the several members of the committee. Mr. Brady admitted that up to Jan. 1 he had expended $3,600,000 of the $5,900,000 appropriated for the current year for the service, leaving a little over $2,000,000 of the appropriation with which to continue the service during the remaining six months.

It appeared from Mr. Brady's testimony that only $434,000 was expended in placing service on 1,300 of the 2,000 new routes authorized at the extra session of Congress, and that $1,700,000 has been expended upon old routes. It further appeared that this last sum has been expended almost entirely on a few of the larger routes, some of which have already been described in THE TIMES dispatches. Mr. Brady's attention was directed to the law which prohibits all officers from involving the Government in any liability in excess of a specific appropriation, and in reply to a question by Gen. Hawley, he said that the law had been construed to mean that when Congress authorized new routes the department had the right to establish service and to defray the expenses from the general appropriation. Mr. Hawley then read section 3,732 of the Revised Statutes, which provides that "no contract or purchase on behalf of the United States shall be made, unless the same is authorized by law or is under an appropriation adequate to its fulfillment." "Now," asked Gen. Hawley, "were these appropriations considered adequate to the fulfillment of the contracts for the establishment of new routes? Were your additional contracts under an appropriation adequate to their fulfillment?" Failing to obtain a satisfactory reply, Gen. Hawley asked the witness to explain how the act section 3,639, prohibiting all officers of the Government from expending in any one fiscal year any sum in excess of the appropriation made by Congress for the fiscal year. Gen. Brady replied that there would be no deficiency. "We shall take care of that," he said. "We shall cut down expenditures so as to avoid any deficiency." Gen. Brady explained that if the department failed to get the extra appropriation asked for, the service would be cut down so as to make the appropriation fill the year, and when asked whether the contractors could not hold the Government to the contract made with them for extra service, he replied that the law authorized the Government to discontinue the service entirely, or in part, upon giving the contractors one month's extra pay.

While the examination of to-day was merely preliminary, enough facts were developed to show that gross carelessness and extravagance has marked the administration of the star service, and the impression left upon the minds of the committee by Gen. Brady's statement is very unfavorable to the department. Following is an abstract of Gen. Brady's testimony:

GEN. BRADY'S STATEMENT IN DETAIL.

The Special Committee of the House Committee on Appropriations charged with the investigation of the star-route service of the Post Office Department were in session several hours to-day, and gave a hearing to Gen. Brady, Second Assistant Postmaster-General, who read from manuscript a long statement in relation to the subject, and in connection therewith referred to the tabulated statements prepared at the Post Office Department in response to the request of the committee for information on the subject. These statements are accompanied by numerous letters from Senators, members of Congress, and others, urging the necessity for increased service upon the various "star" routes. In his defense, Gen. Brady stated that the Postmaster-General is required to provide for carrying the mail on all post routes established by the law as often as he may think proper, and is invested with the largest authority in that respect. While done under the name of the Postmaster-General, all extensions in the service have been under his (Mr. Brady's) personal supervision. All increases, both by additional service and by increase of expedition in carrying the mails, has been made in strict and literal compliance with law, and in exact conformity with the long-established usage and existing regulations of the department on the subject. He asserted that no deficiency in the appropriation for the star service actually existed, nor would any be created. The facts were that such additional service had been put on during the present fiscal year; that if this must be continued upon its present basis the appropriation made for that branch of the service would be insufficient. It was the desire of the department to be guided in its action by the view which should be taken by Congress. This increase had been made by the department because it had seemed to be imperatively demanded by the requirements of the service, and in response to the urgent demands of the people and representatives of the section where made. The question then arose whether the discretion of the department had been fairly and properly exercised, or whether it had been perverted and abused.

The total appropriation for this branch of the service for the present fiscal year was $5,900,000. Of this amount, $3,600,000 had been expended in the first half of the year. Any deficiency that could occur was prospective, and based upon a continuance of the service as it now existed, in which case a deficiency of about $1,700,000 would be created. Therefore, the department had recommended an additional appropriation of $2,000,000 to continue the service on its present basis and for new service that should be put on. It had been asked than early in order that, if any reduction shall be made, the service might be confined within the limits of the original appropriation. The increase made in this branch of the service was believed by the department to be right and proper, and a still further increase would be necessary before the expiration of the current fiscal year. The cost of the star service was less at the present time in proportion to the amount of such service than at any period since 1861. The increase in the star service was the best evidence of increased business prosperity. That portion of the country lying west of the Mississippi River was supplied almost exclusively by the star service, and it had been the policy of the department to keep pace with the increased business interests and rapid development of that section, and to render such mail facilities as would aid its advancement. There were two methods of making the postal service self-sustaining—one, a parsimonious method which gave a minimum service under small appropriations; the other, a generous method, which gave a maximum service under liberal appropriations. The latter was believed to be decidedly preferable. The Government made a monopoly of the business of carrying the mails, excluding therefrom private enterprise, and it should, in justice, furnish needed facilities. The consequence of curtailing the service, or failing to keep it on a proper basis, would be disastrous. The business interests of a large part of the country would be crippled and progress and development retarded. A minor consideration, yet an important one, was the losses it would entail upon those engaged in transporting the mails who had begun to do so under existing contracts, and who were prepared to render the service. The latter was believed that Congress would take a liberal view of the manner in that which had influenced the department in its action. The course pursued had not only been in conformity with the letter of the law, but also within the spirit of the enactments on the subject.

If it were not deemed wise on the part of Congress to increase the appropriations asked for, the department would of necessity curtail the mail facilities so as to bring the same within the sum of the original appropriation. This course would work incalculable injury and great injustice. Should Congress take the same view of the matter as the department, and continue the existing service, the same liberal course would be sanctioned in the future. Gen. Brady thanked the committee for permitting him to make his statement, and declared himself willing to furnish any information in his possession which the committee might desire, or to answer any questions which the members might see fit to ask him.

In reply to questions, Gen. Brady stated that of the $1,700,000 increase in the cost of the star service, $432,000 was for the 1,300 of the 2,000 new routes established by act of Congress during the present year, and the balance of $1,268,000 for increased service upon the routes previously established. The service is now being run upon the basis of an appropriation of $7,500,000 per annum, and, if continued at the present rate, the amount of the appropriation for the present fiscal year for this branch of the service will be entirely expended by the 10th of April, and the star service upon all routes must then cease, or rather, as one month's notice and pay must, under their contracts be given to all contractors, the service must cease upon the 10th of March. To obviate the difficulty Congress must make the desired appropriation or the Post Office Department must cut down the star service to the limits of the present appropriation. Gen. Brady stated that the department had already begun to cut down the excesses, as far as practicable, but that it required a Cesarean operation that could not immediately be performed.

Gen. Brady was asked why the Government could not avail itself of open competition in cases where extra service was required upon any of the star routes, and if it was not manifestly inequitable to charge the Government double compensation for two trips a week where one had previously been made, when the cost to the contractor could not possibly be doubled. The reply was that the department was compelled to accept the additional service from the persons holding the contracts for a term of years, and where they refuse to accept a change in their contract calling upon them to perform that extra service unless allowed a pro rata increase of pay, the Government was virtually compelled to accede to their terms. This was due to a serious defect in the laws governing the same, which he [Brady] had pointed out in his last annual report, and to meet which a bill was now pending in Congress. As the matter now stands, if the Government, in cases where increased service is demanded, should advertise for proposals, and award to a third person the contracts for performing the same, it would virtually abrogate the original contract of the person who had in good faith accepted, and was in good faith prepared to carry it out, and in almost every case would inure to his pecuniary loss.

At 2:30 P. M. the committee adjourned until to-morrow at 10:30 A. M., when Gen. Brady will again go before them.

ENTHUSIASTIC FOX-HUNTERS.

THREE CLUBS TO MEET AT WEST CHESTER, PENN., THIS WEEK.

WEST CHESTER, Penn., Jan. 12.—Bayard Taylor, surveying the life of the country side from his piazza at Cedarcroft, about 1875, lamented, in "Home Pastorals," that

"Gone are the olden cheer, the tavern-dance, and the fox-hunt,
Muster at trainings, buxom lasses that rode upon pillions,
Husking parties, and jovial home-comings after the wedding."

But if he had lived later he would at least have seen the complete revival of fox-hunting in Chester County. This Winter there is a continual baying of hounds from the Welsh Mountain down to the Brandywine battle-ground. Not a fair day passes, except the Sabbath, of course, that the hunters are not out in different quarters, their gay coats besprinkling the fields and hillsides with color, the winding of their horns, as the dogs are called together, making music to break the Winter silence. Such fox hunting, it is safe to say, has never been known here, not even in the good old times that Taylor lamented, and the decadence of the sport, noticeable for a long period during and after the war, has given way to an unexampled pursuit of its pleasures. South-eastern Pennsylvania, including, however, only three of its counties—Chester, Delaware, and Lancaster—is now the greatest fox-hunting region in the country beyond a doubt, and West Chester is the centre of the region. From time immemorial, the custom of the country here has been to begin the hunting when Winter set in, and the ground was hardened with frost. In the early morning, as darkness gives way to the gray lights of dawn, the hunters ride out of town, the hounds baying behind. There is now in West Chester a regularly-organized club, sporting a handsome blue uniform, and owning a large kennel of hounds—some 50 or 60. At the Rose Tree, in Delaware County, 12 or 14 miles away, there is a very stylish club, among whose members is Fairman Rogers, of Philadelphia, and Vice-President Cassatt, of the Pennsylvania Railroad. The members wear a showy scarlet uniform. At Paoli, in this county, there is a third club, headed by the Waynes, of the family of the old General, whose members have adopted a green dress. Both these clubs, as well as that in West Chester, have their packs of hounds, of course, and there are besides other kennels at various places throughout the county. A Mr. Clayton, at Marshalton, just west of West Chester, has a large pack, some being of fine breeding. At the Centennial Exhibition, one of his fox-hounds received the highest premium in its class.

If the weather does not forbid, a fine hunt, participated in by the three clubs, with many private hunters, will take place this week, starting from West Chester. The members of the Rose Tree Club will ride up to-morrow afternoon, and make their head-quarters for two days at the old Turk's Head Hotel, a revolutionary land-mark, where rooms have been engaged for them. The Paoli Club will also come in, and on Wednesday and Thursday fine sport is expected. To insure having a chase promptly, the West Chester Club has kept up two or three foxes, one of which will be bagged and let out each morning, though from the number of the animals in various places near here, it is hardly likely that the hunters would fail to start one. On Thursday, the club found no less than three, in the course of the day's sport, all of which were run to earth, but not dug out for the capture of the brush and death of the animal being objects less regarded than the exhilaration of a ride across country in the chase. Some farmers, indeed, who do not seriously complain of the hunt crossing their fields, make it a strict rule not to allow a holed fox to be dug out on their premises, and this has tended very much to the preservation of the animals. The hunting on Wednesday and Thursday, it is expected, will be attended by nearly a hundred hunters in uniform, besides many others in ordinary dress, and the combined packs of hounds will make from 100 to 200. Such a demonstration as this shows the extent to which the sport is now being patronized.

ECLIPSE ON THE WESTERN COAST.

A TOTAL OBSCURATION OF THE SUN—OBSERVATIONS OF THE PHENOMENA.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 11.—A special dispatch to the *Call* from Fresno says: "The line of totality of the eclipse of the sun passed 10 miles north of this place. The weather was perfectly clear. At 2:45 the first contact was visible, and at 3:53 the obscuration became total. As the last ray of sunlight disappeared a corona of clear white light entirely encircling the moon, flashed into view, brilliant at the edge of the moon, and paling toward the outer limit of the halo. Next along the border, on the lower left third of the moon, appeared an irregular fringe of brilliant, sparkling, primitive red and purple light, while at the top of the moon there was a bright yellow triangle of light, equal in height to one-sixth of the diameter of the disk; a similar, but smaller, triangle appeared at the centre of the right side of the moon, and from the upper and lower right side broad faint rays were projected. This appearance lasted 31 seconds, the corona remaining one minute longer. The sun disappeared behind the coast range before the eclipse had entirely passed. During the obscuration, the horses of the party of observers showed signs of extreme uneasiness, and the fowls of neighboring ranches sought their roosts. At Salinas, where the eclipse was also total, the thermometer fell 8° during the time of totality.

STATE LAW-MAKERS GATHERING.

NEW-ORLEANS, La., Jan. 12.—In the Senate to-day Lieut.-Gov. Wiltz presiding, John Clegg was elected Secretary. In the House, E. N. Ogden, of Orleans, was elected Speaker. P. J. Trasevant, of Caddo, was elected Clerk, and Major Thomas W. McIntyre, of Orleans, Sergeant-at-Arms.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Jan. 12.—The Legislature convened to-day with a full attendance. Gov. Gear's biennial Message shows a State debt of $2,417,435; the payment of which he recommends at maturity, July 1, 1881, to free the State entirely of debt. He also recommends a change in the date of holding the State elections, to coincide with the date for Congressional elections. The Republican caucus chose the Hon. Love Alford, Speaker. Lieut.-Gov. Gear-ball succeeded in the Senate.

SHOT THROUGH THE HEAD

A MULATTO WOMAN'S VENGEANCE.

A DRUG CLERK'S NARROW ESCAPE—JEALOUSY OR REVENGE THE PROBABLE CAUSE —THE VICTIM REFUSES TO SPEAK ON THE SUBJECT.

At an early hour yesterday morning, Mr. Edward Morrison, employed as clerk in Sayre's pharmacy, corner of Forty-ninth-street and Sixth-avenue, was shot in the head, was carried to St. Luke's Hospital, and is likely to remain there for some time. The shooting occurred just in front of the store, but as Mr. Morrison resolutely refused to tell who shot him, or the cause of the shooting, the affair became veiled about as a "mysterious shooting." The injured man would undoubtedly prefer to have it continue as mysterious as possible, and whatever may be thought of his wisdom in getting into the scrape, he at least has shown some sense in keeping silent about it since. Unfortunately for him, the shooting was done in the presence of several persons, the ubiquitous small boy was also around, (in the shape of a district messenger,) and the evidence of these witnesses and that of the officer on post leaves very little of the mysterious about the matter. Almost the only thing that remains unknown is the name and the present whereabouts of the woman who shot Mr. Morrison. That it was a woman, and a mulatto woman at that, is certainly known. Putting together the stories of the various persons who have more or less knowledge or the affair, we have substantially the following story: On Sunday night a good-looking mulatto woman (name unknown) called at Mr. Sayre's pharmacy, and after waiting about a little, made a small purchase of epsom salts, and went off. Late again the same night, after the store was closed, she came and rang the bell. Mr. Morrison, who sleeps in the store, had not yet returned, having been absent since the afternoon, and Mr. Sayre had to answer the bell himself. The mulatto woman was there, but evidently it was not Mr. Sayre she expected to see, for she had no better excuse to give for her unreasonable call than that she wanted 10 cents' worth of hemp-seed. Obtaining this she apparently went off, but there can be no question that she merely prowled about the corner, well knowing that Mr. Morrison must shortly return for the night. It was about 1 o'clock when he reached the store. The account he gives is that, approaching the store, he saw some men and women quarreling on the sidewalk; stepped up to see what was the matter; a shot was fired, he thought it was time to run away, did so, and afterward found that he was shot. The latter part of his statement was correct to this extent, that he was shot and ran away. It seems unlikely that there was any quarreling on the occasion between Mr. Morrison and the woman. At least the messenger boy says he heard none. The woman evidently meant business, and merely wanted to make sure it was the right person, and then blazed away. The pistol was so close to the man's face that the powder burned it. This was done so quickly, and should nothing happen, Mr. Morrison may expect to be out in about two weeks.

The Police authorities had two men out yesterday searching through all the neighborhood west of Sixth-avenue, but no trace could be found of the woman. Officer Kelly will know her, for he says that some four or five weeks ago his attention was attracted one evening by an altercation between a colored man and a mulatto woman in front of Sayre's pharmacy, and Morrison, the clerk, was standing in the doorway and occasionally putting in a word. The man was accusing the woman of unfaithfulness, and accepting presents which he knew came from a drug store, while she was repelling with scorn and contumely any obligation to be faithful to him. That it was the same woman who did the shooting the Police have no doubt, and their theory is that jealousy or revenge was the cause of the act.

THE CASE OF POLICEMAN NUGENT.

The case of Police Officer John Nugent, of the Fifteenth Precinct, who is charged with complicity in the Manhattan Bank burglary, was sat down for trial, before Judge Cowing, in the General Sessions Court, yesterday. After the case had been called, Assistant District Attorney Russell requested a short delay, to await the entrance of the Grand Jury. After that body had come into court, it was discovered that Mr. Russell, who, on Friday last, had a new indictment found against Nugent, for the better security of the rights of the people, had had still another indictment found against the prisoner. The new bill charged the alleged burglary with having been committed at night instead of in the daytime. The penalty, on conviction, under the new indictment is much more severe than under the old bill. Nugent's counsel protested against his client being tried under the new indictment, after having made preparations to defend the allegations in the old one, but Judge Cowing ordered the trial to proceed, and a jury satisfactory to both sides was sworn. The case will be opened by Assistant District Attorney Russell to-day.

ELIZABETH CITY'S UNPAID INTEREST.

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 12.—In the United States Circuit Court to-day, Judge John T. Nixon read an opinion in the Elizabeth mandamus case. Judgment was rendered against the city for about $5,000, interest on improvement bonds, held by the late Robert and Peter Goelet and execution was issued and returned not good. Application was made for writs of mandamus to compel the Common Council to tax property sufficient to pay the amount to collect the same, in order that the execution should be satisfied. A peremptory mandamus is issued, but an alternative order is allowed, commanding the Council to levy a tax, or to show cause on March 2 why they have not done so. The writ against the Board of Assessors was returned.

MASKS AT THE ACADEMY.

A LARGE ATTENDANCE—THE DANCING AND THE DECORATIONS.

The Cercle Musical de l'Orpheon Français gave a masked ball in the Academy of Music last night, which was their second in the Academy and their tenth since their organization. As regards attendance, costumes, and general jollity, the ball was a success. The decorations were on a cheap and tawdry scale, in keeping with the tickets, orders of dance, and other matters of preliminary outlay. In the corridors a few of the beautiful floral pieces which had served at the "Opera Ball" remained, but they were sadly withered. There was here and there a potted plant, a small globe of gold-fishes, and some stuffed owls and doves over a rustic arbor, where boutonnières were sold, while from the chandeliers were strung festoons of fresh smilax. On the dancing platform were two vases, evidently improvised from the dried grasses and evergreens left over from the previous Monday night. The stage was inclosed in painted hangings representing a tropical scene. In front from the flies depended a silken banner bearing the American eagle and shield. This was flanked with festooned American and French flags and streamers. The proscenium boxes were likewise draped with the colors of the two nations, ornamented with overlying festoons of evergreens. Two rows of tiny American and French flags decorated the first gallery-front, below which hung festoons of artificial leaves, and at intervals floral baskets barren of flowers. The ornamentation of the second and third tiers consisted of evergreens and tiny flags differently arranged. Long festoons of evergreens and artificial leaves bedecked with flowers and tiny American and French flags dressed from gallery to gallery above the dancing platform. Halberdiers variously costumed guarded the entrance and exits to the floor. A gentleman in mediæval attire stood at the Academy door as a sort of advance picket, and required every one to show his ticket before approaching the gate-keepers. Such was the "transformation" of the Academy into "a fairy palace, reminding one of the famous Venetian nights," as the programme had it.

The members of the Cercle and their friends were early on hand, and being all in costume made quite a respectable show on the floor. At 10:30 o'clock, at a signal from the Master of Ceremonies, the shakers disappeared behind the curtain, and shortly thereafter issued forth in processional form headed by an immense drum major, extravagantly attired, leading two drummers and a fifer. The idea of the pageant was a village marriage procession, in which all the dignitaries and inhabitants turned out. The Mayor, gendarmes, firemen, notary public and his clerks, and the students of the "Rosiere des Lilocs," an institution on the bank of the Seine, opposite Paris, were all there absurdly burlesqued. They escorted a sort of tall French peasant, Jonathan, and a very small woman in white, who were the groom and bride of the occasion. After walking around in manifold convolutions for half an hour to the music of the grand march from "Faust," a ring was formed, and the society sang a song, entitled "La Noce de Village." This was followed by a mock-marriage ceremony, and then sets were formed for the first quadrille. The eccentric entertainment entitled "Le Grand Quadrille des Etudiants," danced by "the dried fruits of the Closerie des Lilocs," and the chorus "Le Carnaval de Venise" were for some reason omitted. So also was the "Grande March Originale de L'Orpheon Français."

At this time the floor was well filled, and so were the orchestra seats, though there were very few persons in the boxes. Nearly everybody was in masque, but the costumes were the same old acquaintances that have been met with at every ball of the kind for the past 10 years. Many of them were sufficiently soiled to confirm this fact if confirmation were necessary. There were nuns, negroes, Indians, pirates, clowns, harlequins, columbines, Irishmen, Yankees, cavaliers, Lord Dundreary, jockeys, pages, Queens of the Night, flower girls, Daughters of the Regiment, pirates, school-boys, and all the other stereotyped characters. There were a few novelties. A tall, athletic man appeared in the scantiest of Grecian female attire, and there was a female apeman, with a bonnet and short skirts, carrying a green umbrella. One man wore a paper house as a hat. Another was clothed in priestly garments. One set was entirely composed of "Pinafore" characters. The utmost liveliness was manifested from the start, some of the gentlemen and ladies displaying their prowess as high kickers in the first quadrille. During the evening, the society, through its President, M. Fleurand, presented to the New-York Press Club a handsome silver epergne, standing nearly 2 feet high. It was accepted in a speech of thanks by President William N. Penney.

DANGEROUS ILLNESS OF MRS. GEN. ARTHUR.

Mrs. Chester A. Arthur, wife of Gen. Chester A. Arthur, is now lying dangerously ill at her home in Lexington-avenue, suffering from an attack of pneumonia of a serious character. The lady was seized with the malady on Saturday last, Gen. Arthur being at the time in Albany, and early on Sunday her illness had assumed such a severe form that he was telegraphed to return to New-York at once. He took passage on a milk train, and reached this City late on Sunday night, and has since then been in constant attendance at her bedside. At a late hour last night Mrs. Arthur was announced to be in a critical condition, and grave fears were entertained that she would not survive the attack. Mrs. Arthur is the only daughter of the late Capt. W. L. Herndon, United States Navy, whose life was devoted to eminent service for his country, and who, by his death, distinguished himself alike for his warm humanity and individual heroism. He served in the Florida and Mexican wars, and was afterward attached to the Naval Observatory at Washington. In 1851 he began a search of the Amazon, in which he was engaged nearly three years, under Government authority, and explored that river from its head-waters to its mouth. After the establishment of the California line of steamers, officers of the Navy were permitted by the Government to command the vessels of that line, and Capt. Herndon was placed in control of the steam-ship Central America, running from Aspinwall to New-York. In 1857, while on a voyage to this port, the vessel encountered a terrific gale off Cape Hatteras, and foundered, having on board many passengers and several millions of dollars in treasure, from California and South America. Under the admirable discipline of her commander all the women and children were saved, and when the vessel sank with the remaining passengers and crew, Capt. Herndon, still at his post of duty, went down with her. The country, while it was shocked by the disaster, was filled with admiration at the details of his bravery and devotion, and a handsome public subscription was made for his widow, in addition to which a gold medal was struck and presented to her by Virginia, his native State. Congress and various State Legislatures also took official notice of his services and death, and a handsome monument was erected to his memory by the officers of the Navy in the grounds of the Naval Academy at Annapolis. His widow, Mrs. Arthur's mother, also a native of Virginia, died in April, 1878, at Hyères, France, and Mrs. Arthur went to Europe and brought back the remains. The shock and nervous tension caused by her bereavement and her long journey, in the opinion of her friends, did much to impair her health, and she has ever since been visibly affected by it. She was married to Gen. Arthur about 20 years ago. Among her friends she is known as an amateur vocalist of most extraordinary merit, and as a genial, accomplished lady and devoted wife and mother.

THE RECORD OF ACCIDENTS.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Jan. 12.—A fourth body found in the Connecticut River yesterday afternoon proves to be that of Thomas Cunningham, 13 years old, of Thompsonville, Conn., who was drowned, with three companions on Saturday.

BOSTON, Jan. 12.—By a peculiar combination of circumstances the sudden breaking of a bell-wire on board the steam-ship Lancaster, in the harbor, yesterday morning, came very near resulting in a terrible disaster to a passenger train on the New-York and New-England Railroad. The Lancaster, a large iron vessel, heavily loaded with coal, had passed the Congress-street draw and was approaching the railroad bridge, when the pilot rang to stop the engine. The wire broke, and the engineer, failing to receive the signal, the vessel kept on, striking the bridge with great force. The timbers were badly twisted, the bolt which locks the draw when closed was broken, and the rails on the railroad track upon the bridge were bent about 18 inches from their proper position. No one was upon the bridge or near the scene at the time, and the Sunday morning inward passenger train was approaching but a few hundred feet away. When only a train's length from the bridge the engineer noticed the disconnected rails. He reversed the engine and applied the air brake, bringing his train of five cars to a stop about 15 feet from the bridge. Had not the train been stopped, it would have been plunged into the water at the side of the track, and, it being high tide at the time, the loss of life would have been great. The cars were unloaded, and the passengers walked to the depot. A gang of men was quickly set at work making temporary repairs, so that the regular Sunday trains might start as usual. The steam-ship suffered slight damage from the collision.

FREE FOOD FOR TROUT.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

The Fish Commission will furnish fresh-water shrimp to any parties in the State of New-York wishing them to stock their streams or ponds with a good food for brook-trout. They can be sent by express without a messenger. There will be no expense except the express charges on cans from the State hatching-house to their destination and return. Orders may be sent to the undersigned.

SETH GREEN.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Thursday, Jan. 8, 1880.

NEW FIELD FOR A MINISTER.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 12.—The Central Baptist Church has given a call to the Rev. Benjamin O. True, late of Meriden, Conn.

RECORD OF AMUSEMENTS

DRAMATIC AND MUSICAL.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.

A delightful performance of "London Assurance" was enjoyed by a large audience at Wallack's last evening. The play was put upon the stage in the most tasteful style, and the performance was unusually smooth and spirited. The tone of "London Assurance" is more hard and artificial than "Old Heads and Young Hearts," and can only be acted with success by men and women carefully trained in the artificial school. Such a performer is Mr. Wallack; but Mr. Maurice Barrymore, who is a good natural actor, is not of this school, and strives in vain to catch its spirit. The latter's *Charles Courtley* is an incongruous personage—a cross between the real character and the young man of the day. However, Mr. Barrymore's acting would be far from displeasing if it were not marred by a lack of ease in manner and a lack of clearness and emphasis in utterance. The purest specimen of artificial acting in this performance—a performance in most respects familiar to our readers—is Mr. John Gilbert's *Sir Harcourt Courtley*, an impersonation marked equally by scholarly taste, ripe judgment, perfect balance, and impressive dignity. Only a great comedian could present such a conception with so much proportion in its parts and strength in its general effect. What a contrast to the simple, ingenuous, tender-hearted old minister in "Old Heads and Young Hearts!" Yet it is sometimes pretended that Mr. Gilbert's acting possesses every quality but the rarest—variety. It would probably be found on examination that it is Mr. Gilbert's characters which are devoid of variety, not his impersonations. Mr. Wallack's *Dazzle* is as amusing as ever, and though some of its youthful spirit has evaporated, this does not lessen the interest it excites. What *Dazzle* has lost in dash, he makes up in confidence. Miss Dyas, it is almost needless to say, was a merry and spirited *Lady Gay*, though she falls short of Miss Davenport in this sparkling character. Mr. Edwards's *Max Harkaway* was an excellent performance; and Mr. Beckett's *Meddle*—one of his best parts—was a lively type of low-comedy. Mr. Floyd, Mr. Holland, Miss Germon, and Miss Boniface were also in the cast, and added to its general effectiveness. On the whole, the representation was notable for artistic unity and finish. "London Assurance" will be played all this week, and will be followed next Monday evening by "She Stoops to Conquer." "My Awful Dad" and "The Liar" are now in preparation. It is possible that Robertson's "Home" will not form part of this interesting series—though we trust it will be included, as at first announced.

ANOTHER CIRCUS.

The "Imperial Parisian Circus" was opened in the old Aquarium Building, on Broadway, last evening. The managers announce it as their object to establish a permanent circus in this City, on the European plan, in which not only the best artists of the arena shall be engaged, but the dresses and properties shall be of a character to please the most refined audiences. These promises were entirely fulfilled last evening. The attendants in the ring, who held the paper balloons and balanced the hurdles, were all in full evening dress, and everybody who appeared in the ring was costumed in a manner to please the most fastidious taste. In the "imperial" entree by the company, which opened the performance, the male riders were attired in full dress, with top boots, English leggings, swallow-tailed coats, white vests, and high silk hats. The ladies appeared in purple riding habits, with Derby hats, and passed in review before the gentlemen. The effect was exceedingly pretty, if not imperial, and the spectacle was applauded by an immense throng of spectators. Five clowns contributed to the amusement of the evening—James Cook, who has not appeared in this role before for 12 years; William Burke, Samuel Stickney, Frederick Aymar, and Charles McCarthy. Moreover, some of their jokes were new. The doings of the acrobats and riders were pleasant features of the performance. The sports on the carpet by the Lenton Brothers, and the hurdle hurricane riding by William Gorman, were loudly applauded. The trapeze and aerial ascension act by Miss Lottie Moranda is novel and thrilling. After the usual gyrations on the trapeze, she is drawn to the roof by a rope to which she clings with her teeth, held suspended for some minutes, and then slowly lowered. Throughout this performance she plays on an accordeon. A grand equestrian act by Robert Stickney, called forth stormy applause, and Miss Pauline Lee, in her performance as a juggling equestrienne, was received with great favor. The opening of the Imperial Parisian Circus was characterized by an audience calculated to encourage the managers: The house was full, and hundreds were turned away from the doors, notwithstanding the stormy weather.

MR. MAPLESON'S BOSTON SEASON.

The brief opera season of two weeks in Boston, which was closed on Saturday last, has been unanimously pronounced the most brilliant that has been given in that city. The candid judgment of the Boston press and public has echoed what was said in New-York as to the merits of Mr. Mapleson's principal artists, the perfect ensemble, the generous spirit of the management, and the excellent taste which characterized the representations of the company. The company was evidently in "good form" and there was really nothing for the critics to do, but to praise the several representations, the merits of which the correct judgment and musical cultivation of experienced opera habitués recognized. Mr. Mapleson was generally accorded the acknowledgments due him for his honest zeal and faithfulness in securing Mlle. Marimon, after it was found that Mme. Gerster could not fulfill her engagement with him. Mme. Gerster won a great triumph in Boston last year, and her reappearance was anticipated with the same interest that was manifested in New-York. Notwithstanding the pronounced and unequivocal success of Mlle. Marimon in New-York, the Boston musical pulse was not quickened before her first appearance. She was there pitted against the same odds as "a substitute for Mme. Gerster," and had only her own abilities to rely upon. The verdict which was pronounced here after her début in "La Sonnambula" was repeated as a matter of course, and in the six performances in which she appeared during the two weeks Mlle. Marimon dispelled all doubts, and excited the enthusiasm of her audiences. The other principals of the company were no less successful. Mlle. Valleria, who was recognized in New-York as a painstaking and thoroughly trained young singer, with a lovely quality of voice and excellent method, made a decided impression in Boston in the four representations of opera in which she was heard, and also in the "Stabat Mater," in which she is undoubtedly superior to any other artist. Her charming manner, unassuming excellence won the sympathies of the public, as was always the case in New-York. Mme. Ambre likewise is credited by the Boston critics with a superior performance in "Aida," and Miss Cary and Mme. Labiache come in for their share of the general praise. The strength of Mr. Mapleson's company in the principal male voices was naturally a subject of comment, and Signor Campanini was the recipient of the same enthusiastic notice he never fails to deserve and to win. It seems to be the best opinion in Boston that the great tenor has improved on last year's singing, and that no such artist has been heard there before. This is not surprising in view of what he achieved in this City, and would doubtless have been the verdict even in a place of less general musical knowledge and appreciation. The pure quality of his voice, the spirit and earnestness of his personations, and above all the elegance of his delivery and his fastidious style, were apparently as much enjoyed in Boston as here. Signor Galassi in "Rigoletto," (perhaps his greatest rôle,) Germoni in "Traviata," and Antonio in "Linda," repeated his former successes, and was evidently highly appreciated as he deserves to be. Del Puente was pronounced "the best Mephistopheles ever seen in Boston," and Rando, Bertona, and Monti were generally commended. In the summary of the season, one of the leading papers says:

"The ensemble of the opera has been marvelously complete, and the prima of contralto, Marie Ortiz, has contributed in no slight degree to the success of the two weeks' season. His orchestra and chorus have shown the most complete evidence of thorough training, and it was a genuine relief to hear the concerted music given in a manner that called for honest praise. How often are the brilliant efforts of painstaking artists spoiled by a band of performers who might well be called the hod-carriers of music! The choruses were well-trained, and sang in time and tune, the male voices particularly being rich and sonorous.

It is quite evident that Mr. Mapleson's efforts to give Italian opera in the best style, with the ablest artists of the world, were appreciated in Boston. The company left on Saturday, and were to appear last night in "Aida" in Chicago.

MUSICAL NOTES.

Thursday afternoon the public rehearsal for the Symphony Society's third concert will be given at Steinway Hall.

On Thursday night the concert in aid of the German Emigrant Home is to take place at Steinway Hall, when a number of well-known artists will appear.

Miss Anna Bock will give her first concert at Steinway Hall to-night, with the assistance of Messrs. Richard Arnold, Graham, Miller, and Dulcken. The programme is interesting, the accomplished young pianiste herself taking part in five of the six numbers announced.

Mr. Albert D. Hubbard, a pianist, whose performance has been formerly commended in THE TIMES, will give a piano recital on Thursday afternoon, at Chickering Hall. He will play Beethoven's "Sonata Pathetique" and selections from the works of Raff, Rubinstein, Chopin, Mendelssohn, Schubert, Schumann, and Liszt.

The programme of the first week of Mr. Max Strakosch's opera season, which begins on Monday evening next at Booth's Theatre, is announced as follows: On Monday "Aida," with Miles. Singer and Belocca, Messrs. Petrovich, Shorti and Castelmary in the principal rôles. On Tuesday "La Traviata," by Mlle. Lablanche, Signor Lazzarini and Signor Shorti. Wednesday evening "Faust" will be given. The *Mephistopheles* will be Signor Castelmary, who gives a most powerful representation of the part. Mlle. Singer will make her second appearance on Thursday in "Norma," an opera which is necessarily but seldom heard, and in which this artist is said to be a worthy successor of the great dramatic sopranos who have won fame in this rôle. Friday's opera will be "Carmen," with Mlle. Belocca in the title rôle, and at the matinée on Saturday "Aida" will be repeated. The sale of seats is to begin on Thursday morning at the theatre.

THE SAFETY OF RAILROAD EMPLOYES.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—A decision was rendered in the United States Supreme Court to-day in the case of Annie Hough, plaintiff in error, against The Texas Pacific Railroad Company, in error to the Circuit Court of the United States for the Western District of Texas. The question presented by this case is, to what extent and under what circumstances a railroad or other corporation is liable in a suit for damages based on the accidental killing of one of its employes while in its service. In the present instance the employe's death was, it is alleged, due to the defective construction and condition of his locomotive. The railroad company maintained, and the courts below charged the jury, that a corporation is not liable for injuries to one of its employes when such injuries result from the carelessness of his fellow-servants. This court holds that although such is the general rule, it is subject to exceptions, one of which arises from the obligation of the corporation not to expose an employe to perils against which he may be guarded by proper skill and care. Railroad officers who are invested with the power and duty of so guarding the safety of employes represent the personality of the corporation and their negligence from which injury results is the negligence of the corporation. If an employe, having knowledge of a defect in the machinery which he was given notice thereof to the proper officers, and is promised by them that it shall be remedied, his subsequent use of such machinery, in the belief that it will be put in proper condition within a reasonable time, does not necessarily make him guilty of contributory negligence. The judgment of the lower court is reversed and the cause remanded, with directions to satisfy the verdict and award a new trial, and for such further proceedings as may be consistent with the opinion of this court. Mr. Justice Harlan delivered the opinion.

THE STRIKING PORK-PACKERS.

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—A meeting of Union men, held at the stock yards to-day, and lasting several hours, appointed a committee to wait on the packers and ask permission to retain membership in the Union in case they went to work. There was a decided majority in favor of terminating the strike in one way or another. There were about 6,000 at the meeting, and if their request is granted all will try to get work. It is, however, altogether improbable that the packers will give any of them employment until they have taken the iron-clad agreement. This will effectually break up the Union.

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THE NEW-YORK SEMI-WEEKLY TIMES, published THIS MORNING, contains: The Fraud in Maine; News from Washington; An Angry Husband's Act; The Hayden Trial; A New Railroad Law; The Government and the Isthmus Canal; Politics in North Carolina; The Greenback Conference; Latest Foreign News; All the General News; Letters from our Correspondents at Home and Abroad; Raising Calves for the Dairy; Notes from the Farm and Garden; Answers to Correspondents;

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

SALES AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE—JAN. 12.

SOVEREIGNTY STOCKS—10:30 A. M.

U. S. 4s R., 1907. | U. S. 4s C., 1907. | U. S. 4s C., 1907.
$12,000.....104½ | $1,000.....104½ | $1,000.....104½
$2,000.....104½ | $2,000.....104½ | $10,000.....104½
$4,000.....104½ | $2,000.....104½
$4,000.....107½ | $3,000.....104½

FIRST BOARD—10:30 A. M.

Atl. & L. R. S.	Rome Transit.	D. M. L. & N. G.
1,000.....4	100.....ss. 4	100.....ss. 31½
Bost. & Alb.	Oswego & Syr.	100.....ss. 31½
100.....9½	100.....ss. 30½	100.....31½
N. C. 6s ext. 6.	New Central Coal.	100.....31½
1,000.....ss. 2	500.....ss. 31½	500.....32½
Bost. & Albany.	Pacific Mail.	100.....32½
100.....ss. 76½	200.....ss. 32½	100.....32½
Bost. & Lowell.	Pacific Mail.	150.....32
1,000.....ss. 87	Atlantic & Pacific.	H. & Texas Cent.
C. & G. Int. ass. s.	200.....b.s.b.30	100.....ss. 69
5,000.....102	100.....43	400.....69
C. & C. ass. int. Acc.	100.....43½	Tex. & N. Or.
1,000.....59½	Western Union.	100.....ss. 26½
3,000.....59½	200.....b.s.63.102½	100.....ss. 31½
5,000.....ss. 59½	100.....b.s.102½	100.....ss. 32½
1,000.....59½	100.....102½	200.....ss. 32½
7,000.....118	300.....102½	100.....ss. 32½
N. J. C. 6s ass. ex.	600.....b.s.102½	400.....ss. 32½
4,000.....102	100.....102½	200.....ss. 32½
1,000.....102	1000.....103	100.....ss. 32½
M. C. 6s ass. ex.	500.....103	100.....ss. 32½
4,000.....105½	100.....103½	200.....ss. 32½
L. & W. R. ass. s.	900.....103½	Lake Erie & W.
1,000.....59½	300.....103½	200.....ss. 11
Mich. & L. 1st con.	300.....103½	100.....ss. 11
2,000.....106½	1000.....103½	500.....ss. 11½
Erie 7s ass. ex.	600.....103½	100.....ss. 11½
1,000.....114	Pacific Mail.	100.....ss. 11½
L. S. & M. 1st 6s.	100.....ss. 32½	Lacled. & Nash.
1,000.....95½	300.....ss. 32½	100.....ss. 67½
Erie 1st con.	1000.....32½	400.....ss. 67½
2,000.....90	Canada Southern.	1000.....ss. 10
Harlem 1st 7s. O.	100.....ss. 70	Mobile & Ohio ass.
4,000.....127	200.....b.s.70½	215.....ss. 26½
Cen. Pac. L. G. 6s.	N. Y. L. E. & W.	100.....26½
1,000.....101½	100.....ss. 13	100.....26½
Union Pac. 7s L. G.	100.....13½	200.....26½
4,000.....115½	N. Y. L. E. & W.	200.....26½
Union Pacific 1st.	300.....ss. 45	300.....26½
4,000.....115½	300.....ss. 45	300.....26½
K. P. D. D. ex. ss.	300.....43½	100.....26½
with coup. cert.	300.....43½	600.....26½
1,000.....43½	100.....43½	100.....26½
F. P. W. & G. 2d.	100.....b.s.43½	100.....ss. 27½
1,000.....123	300.....43½	Manhattan.
Bd. N. K. U. & M.	1300.....43½	50.....ss. 54½
Omaha Div.	N. L. & W. pf.	200.....54½
2,000.....107	400.....b.s.76½	Mo., Kan. & Tex.
S. V. M. & H. 1st.	100.....b.s.76½	800.....ss. 6½
1,000.....100½	100.....b.s.76½	1100.....ss. 6½
Cl. C. & I. C. 7s.	Michigan Central.	100.....ss. 38½
6,000.....b.s.86½	100.....b.s.b.90½	300.....ss. 39½
C. C. & I. C. 1st.	100.....90½	1500.....ss. 39½
Tr. Co. cert. 1st.	100.....b.s.90½	Northern Pacific.
12,000.....86½	300.....90½	100.....ss. 44
1,000.....86½	50.....91½	400.....ss. 53½
10,000.....ss. 86½	200.....ss. 91	Northern Pac. pf.
C. C. & I. C. Inc.	200.....b.s. 91½	100.....b.c. 57½
30,000.....39½	La. Shore & M. S.	Nash. C. & St. L.
P. & B. G. 6s C.	200.....b.s.101	100.....b.s. 88
30,000.....89	350.....101½	1400.....88½
10,000.....ss. 89	400.....101½	100.....88½
Cairo & Ful. 1st.	100.....101½	300.....88½
7,000.....102½	500.....101½	200.....88
4,000.....b.s.102½	100.....b.s.101½	400.....88
Tol. & Walb. 1st.	Illinois Central.	400.....88
1,000.....100½	200.....b.s.63.101½	Ohio & Miss.
Mob. & O. 1st 6s.	Union Pacific.	100.....b.s. 30½
4,000.....72½	100.....b.s. 89½	100.....b.s. 31
10,000.....72½	100.....89½	100.....31½
15,000.....74	300.....89½	100.....31½
Mob. & O. 2d deb.	Chicago & N. W.	100.....31½
21,000.....50	100.....b.s. 91½	200.....31½
8,000.....50½	200.....ss. 91½	300.....31½
2,000.....51	400.....92	900.....ss. 31½
Mob. & O. 3d deb.	300.....92½	500.....31½
34,000.....34½	600.....92½	100.....31½
Mob. & O. 4th deb.	100.....b.s. 92½	500.....31½
10,000.....38½	Chic. & N. W. pf.	100.....31½
1,000.....40	45.....b.s.108	100.....31½
Mob. & Ohio new.	Central of N. J.	100.....31½
2,000.....100	100.....31½	Ohio & Miss. pf.
2,000.....99½	100.....31½	100.....b.s.b.34½
Hous. & G. N. 2d.	100.....b.s.b.31½	200.....ss. 34½
Pac. Com. Ret.	300.....31½	100.....34½
5,000.....43	100.....31½	500.....ss. 60
International 2d.	Chi., Mil. & St. P.	200.....60½
Pac. Com. Ret.	100.....b.s. 75½	Morris & Essex.
5,000.....43	100.....b.s. 75½	100.....b.s.104½
3,000.....43½	100.....75½	Phila. & Reading.
International 1st.	400.....75½	200.....b.s. 69½
Pac. Com. Ret.	500.....75½	100.....69½
5,000.....43	C. M. & St. P. pf.	300.....69½
2,000.....ss. 43	100.....b.s.102½	ss L. I. M. & S. ss.
Mich. C. 6s. 1907.	100.....103½	100.....b.s. 31½
10,000.....109½	Del., Lack. & W.	300.....b.s. 31½
Texas Pac. inc. g.	1100.....b.s. 86½	200.....31½
5,000.....b.s. 79	1200.....86½	St. L. & San F. pf.
Alt. & T. H. 2d pf.	400.....86½	500.....b.s. 41
17,000.....102	300.....b.s. 86½	St. L. & S. F. 1st.
Union Bank.	2500.....86½	300.....b.s. 73
100.....b.s.145	2300.....86½	Wab. St. L. & P. pf.
Quicksilver.	Albany & Sus.	100.....b.s. 44
200.....22½	25.....b.s.108½	400.....44½
300.....b.s.b. 22½	Alt. & T. H.	400.....44½
200.....22½	700.....b.s. 25	300.....44½
200.....bd. 23	400.....24½	600.....44½
100.....23	100.....25	1100.....44½
American Ex.	100.....25½	100.....ss. 44½
20.....b.s. 58	100.....25½	Wab. St. L. & P. pf.
100.....58½	410.....25½	300.....b.s. 68
Pullman P. Car.	Alt. & Terre H. pf.	100.....b.s. 68
100.....110	100.....b.s. 58½	600.....68
Quicksilver pf.	100.....58½	600.....68½
200.....b.s. 64½	C. C. & I. C.	100.....ss. 68
100.....64½	100.....b.s.b. 22½	400.....68½
100.....64½	200.....22½	1100.....68½
Standard Min.	200.....22½	100.....b.s.b. 68½
100.....31	Chic. & Ohio.	200.....68½
200.....30½	100.....b.s. 20½	200.....68½
100.....31½	100.....20	1200.....69
100.....32	100.....20½	1200.....69½
100.....32½	Chic., St. P. & M.	Maryland Coal.
200.....32½	100.....b.s. 47½	100.....25½
400.....32½	Ind., Cin. & Laf.	25.....25
25.....34	300.....b.s. 7½	Kansas Pacific.
Warren.	K. & D. M.	100.....b.s. 94½
100.....100	300.....b.s. 18	400.....95

GOVERNMENT STOCKS—2:30 P. M.

U. S. 6s C., '81. | U. S. 4s R., 1907. | U. S. 4½ C., '91.
$30,000.....b.s. 107½ | 7,500.....104½ | 1,000.....107½
U. S. 4½ R., '91. | U. S. 4s C., 1907.
5,000.....107½ | 50,000.....b.s. 104½
50,000.....107½ | 41,400.....104½

FROM 2:30 TO 3 P. M.

Oregon & N. Lat.	Atlantic & Pacific.	Kansas Pacific.
$1,000.....111	500.....42½	200.....b.s. 96½
M. K. & T. con. ss	500.....42½	200.....b.s. 96½
22,000.....98½	Union Pacific.	400.....96½
Mo. K. & T. Sec.	300.....b.s. 89½	100.....96½
20,000.....b.s. 88½	100.....89½	200.....96½
20,000.....89½	300.....b.s. 89½	100.....96
25,000.....89½	400.....89½	Kansas & Texas.
50,000.....89½	100.....89½	300.....b.s. 29½
5,000.....89½	500.....89½	700.....29½
5,000.....b.s. 89½	100.....89½	100.....29½
30,000.....89½	100.....b.s. 88½	400.....29½
10,000.....89½	Michigan Central.	100.....b.s. 40½
40,000.....90	300.....b.s. 91	300.....40½
C. & C. 1st, ex. i.	100.....90½	3000.....b.s. 40½
25,000.....b.s. 65½	100.....90½	1800.....40½
10,000.....65½	100.....90½	200.....40½
6,000.....65½	100.....90½	500.....40½
C. & O. cur. int.	100.....90½	100.....40½
23,500.....39½	Central of N. J.	600.....b.s. 40
Lat. St. & M. 1st.	100.....b.s. 93½	100.....40½
5,000.....b.s. 52½	500.....b.s. 92½	300.....39½
5,000.....92½	50.....b.s. 92½	400.....39½
Union Pacific 1st.	300.....b.s. 92½	100.....39½
3,000.....b.s. 115½	100.....b.s. 92½	100.....39½
L. E. & W. inc.	100.....92½	100.....39½
10,000.....94	100.....b.s. 92	Lake Erie & West.
10,000.....b.s. 93½	200.....b.s. 91½	100.....31½
20,000.....93	200.....92	500.....31½
St. L. & I. M. 1st.	100.....b.s. 92	100.....31½
20,000.....b.s. 115½	North-western.	40.....31½
Texas Pac. inc. g.	200.....b.s. 92½	100.....31½
43,000.....75	15.....92	1100.....31
10,000.....78	400.....b.s. 92½	200.....30½
C. C. C. & I. con.	100.....b.s. 92½	Lousv. & Nash.
5,000.....108	500.....b.s. 92½	100.....68
Mich. C. 6s, 1909.	100.....b.s. 92½	100.....68½
10,000.....109½	300.....92½	200.....68½
Mich. C. 1st.	200.....92½	Metropolitan.
2,000.....75	200.....91½	100.....118
16,000.....b.s. 75	200.....91½	N. Y. Elevated.
Mob. & O. 2d deb.	300.....92	45.....156
20,000.....34½	100.....b.s. 92½	N. H. & H.
5,000.....49½	North-western pf.	15.....156
R. W. & O. con. 1st.	100.....107½	Marietta 1st pf.
15,000.....65	St. Paul.	100.....b.s. 17½
Ohio & Miss. 2d.	1600.....79½	100.....17½
350.....79½	400.....79½	100.....17½
100.....79½	500.....79½	200.....17½
200.....79½	100.....79½	100.....17
1200.....79½	100.....79½	100.....16½
100.....79½	100.....79½	100.....16½
St. L. & P.	100.....79½	100.....16½
500.....50	100.....79½	100.....16½
100.....44½	200.....79½	100.....16½
200.....44½	200.....79½	100.....16½
100.....44½	200.....79½	St. Paul & D.
100.....44½	200.....79½	100.....53½
100.....44½	100.....79½	100.....53½
100.....44½	100.....79½	100.....53½
100.....44½	100

SHIPPING.

CUNARD LINE.

NOTICE.

With the view of diminishing the chances of collision, the steamers of this line take a specified course for all sailings of the year.

On the outward passage from Queenstown to Northfield, they cross under the meridian of 50° 45' 15" west, or nothing to the north of 45.

On the homeward passage crossing the meridian of 50° 15' 45" west, or nothing to the north of 45.

Passengers can start on LIVERPOOL or QUEENSTOWN.

FROM PIER NO. 40 NORTH RIVER.

BATAVIA.....Wednesday, Jan. 14, 9 P. M.
SCOTIA.....Wednesday, Jan. 21, 8 A. M.
BALTIC.....Wednesday, Jan. 28, 8 A. M.
PARSIA.....Wednesday, Feb. 4, 11:30 A. M.

Cabin passage and steerage tickets at favorable terms. Excursion tickets at low rate for Fall and Winter months.

Steerage tickets to and from all parts of Europe at very low rates. Freight and passage office, No. 4 Bowling Green.

CHAS. G. FRANCKLYN, Agent.

WHITE STAR LINE.

UNITED STATES AND ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.

NOTICE.—The steamers of this line take the Lake Routes recommended by Lieut. Maury, U. S. N., on both the outward and homeward passage.

BRITANNIC (Capt. Parry).....Saturday, Jan. 17, 8 A. M.
GERMANIC (Capt. Ferrier).....Saturday, Jan. 24, 7 P. M.
BRITANNIC.....Saturday, Jan. 31, 7:30 A. M.
GERMANIC.....Sat., Jan. 31, 7:30 A. M.

From White Star Dock, foot of West 13th-st.

These steamers are uniform in size and unsurpassed in appointments. The saloon, staterooms, smoking and bath rooms are amidships, where the noise and motion are least felt, affording a degree of comfort hitherto unattainable.

Passage—Saloon, $80, $90 and $100; return tickets on favorable terms; steerage, $28.

These steamers carry neither cattle, sheep, nor pigs.

For passage or other information, apply at the company's office, No. 37 Broadway, New-York, or No. 140 Walnut-st., Phila. B. J. CORTIS, Agent.

GUION LINE.

UNITED STATES MAIL STEAMERS FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.

Leaving Pier No. 38 N. R., foot of King-st.

NEVADA.....TUESDAY, Jan. 20, 11:30 A. M.
MONTANA.....TUESDAY, Jan. 27, 5:30 A. M.
WISCONSIN.....TUESDAY, Feb. 3, 10:30 A. M.
ARIZONA.....TUESDAY, Feb. 10, 8 A. M.
WYOMING.....TUESDAY, Feb. 17, 10 A. M.

☞These steamers are built of iron, in water-tight compartments, and are furnished with every requisite to make the passage across the Atlantic both safe and agreeable, having bath-room, smoking-room, drawing-room, music and library, also experienced surgeons, stewardesses and nurses on each steamer. The state-rooms are all upper-deck, thus insuring short passage of all baggage at sea—perfect ventilation and light.

CABIN PASSAGE (according to state-room, $80, $90, and $100; INTERMEDIATE and STEERAGE AT LOW RATES. OFFICES, NO. 29 BROADWAY.

WILLIAMS & GUION.

INMAN LINE ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.

FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.

NOTICE.—The steamers of this Line take Lieut. Maury's Lake Routes at all seasons of the year.

CITY OF NEW-YORK.....Wednesday, Jan. 14, 7 A. M.
CITY OF BRUSSELS.....Tuesday, Jan. 20, 8 A. M.
CITY OF BERLIN.....Saturday, Jan. 24, 8 P. M.
CITY OF MONTREAL.....Tuesday, Jan. 27, 6:30 A. M.
CITY OF RICHMOND.....Saturday, Jan. 31, 8 P. M.

From Pier No. 37 North River, foot of Charlton-st.

Cabin, $80, $90 and $100. Return tickets on favorable terms. STEERAGE, $28. Drafts at lowest rates. Steerage tickets to and from all parts of Europe at low rates. These steamers do not carry cattle, sheep, or pigs.

JOHN G. DALE, Agent,
No. 61 and 33 Broadway, N. Y.
Philadelphia Office, No. 105 South 4th-st.

STATE LINE.

TO GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, DUBLIN, BELFAST, AND LONDONDERRY.

From pier foot of Canal-st., N. R., as follows:
Steamer STATE OF NEVADA.....Thursday, Jan. 15
Steamer STATE OF ALABAMA.....Thursday, Jan. 22

First cabin, $60 to $75, according to accommodation; excursion tickets, $110 to $130; second cabin, $40; excursion tickets, $75. Steerage, $26.

AUSTIN BALDWIN & CO., Agents,
No. 72 Broadway, New-York.

STEERAGE tickets at No. 45 Broadway, and at the company's pier, foot of Canal-st., North River.

ANCHOR LINE U. S. MAIL STEAMERS.

NEW-YORK AND GLASGOW.

From Pier No. 20 North River, New-York.
Devonia.....Jan. 13, 4 A. M. Anchoria.....Jan. 24, 3 P. M.
Bolivia.....Jan. 17, 9 A. M. Ethiopia.....Jan. 31, 8 A. M.

Cabins, $60 to $80. Excursion tickets at reduced rates. Second Cabin, $40. Steerage, $28.

NEW-YORK TO LONDONDERRY.

From Pier No. 46 North River, foot of Charles-st.
Australia.....Jan. 17, 9 A. M. Elysia.....Jan. 24, 3 P. M.

Cabins, $65 and $75. Excursion tickets at reduced rates.

ANDERSON BROTHERS, Agents, 7 Bowling Green.

GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY

(Between New-York and Havre.)

Company's Pier, (new,) No. 42 North River, foot of Morton-st.

Travelers by this line avoid both transit by English railways and the discomforts of crossing the Channel in a small boat.

CANADA, FRANCOIS.....Wednesday, Jan. 21, 12 noon
AMERIQUE, E. JOURDAN.....Wednesday, Feb. 4, 11 A. M.
FRANCE, Th. Tompkins.....Wednesday, Feb. 18, 11 A. M.

Checks drawn on Credit Lyonnais of Paris in amounts to suit.

For freight and passage apply to
LOUIS DE BERIAN, Agent, No. 55 Broadway.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL.

NORTH GERMAN LLOYD.

STEAM-SHIP LINE BETWEEN NEW-YORK, SOUTHAMPTON, AND BREMEN.

GEN. WERDER.Sat., Jan. 17 | RHEIN.....Sat., Jan. 31
DONAU.....Sat., Jan. 24 | NECKER.....Sat., Feb. 7

RATES OF PASSAGE FROM NEW-YORK TO SOUTHAMPTON, HAVRE, OR BREMEN.

First Cabin.....$100
Second Cabin.....60
Steerage.....30

Round tickets at reduced rates. Prepaid steerage certificates, $30. STEERAGE TICKETS TO ALL POINTS IN THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND, $30.

OELRICHS & CO., No. 2 Bowling Green.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL.

Hamburg American Packet Company's Line for PLYMOUTH, CHERBOURG, and HAMBURG.

GELLERT, Wed., Jan. 14 | SUEVIA, Thurs., Jan. 29
LESSING, Thurs., Jan. 22 | WIELAND, Thurs., Feb. 5

Rates of Passage to Plymouth, London, Cherbourg, Hamburg, and to the south of England: First Cabin, $100; Second Cabin, $60; Steerage, $30.

KUNHARDT & CO., C. B. RICHARD & CO.,
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RED STAR LINE FOR ANTWERP.

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RHEINLAND, Saturday, Jan. 24.

For rates of passage and other information apply to PETER WRIGHT & SONS, General Agents, No. 307 Walnut-st., Philadelphia, No. 52 Broadway, New-York.

JOHN McDONALD, Agent, No. 5 Battery-place.

ROTTERDAM LINE.

Steamers leave On'ar'o'ar'o, adj. Patonia Ferry, Jersey City:

ROTTERDAM.Saturday, Jan. 17
SCHIEDAM.....Wednesday, Feb. 4
MAAS.....Saturday, Feb. 14

Cabin, $65—$70, 2d Cabin, $45—$50. Steerage, $26. H. GAZAUX, General Agent, No. 27 South William-st.

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27 S. Wm.-st., Freight Agts. 50 B'way, Gen. Passage Agt.

SAVANNAH AND FLORIDA.

From Pier No. 48, North River, (new No. 35,) foot of Spring-st.

At 3 P. M. Wednesday and Saturday.

CITY OF COLUMBUS, Capt. Hickenson.....Wed., Jan. 14
CITY OF SAVANNAH, Capt. Mallory.....Sat., Jan. 17

Connecting with the Central Railroad of Georgia, Savannah, Florida and Western Railroad, Georgiana and Florida Inland Steam-boat Company, and with the fast and elegant steamers of the Outside Line.

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General Agent S. F. & W. R. R., Central R. R. of Ga.,
No. 315 Broadway. No. 409 Broadway.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY.

Office of Company, North River, foot of Canal-st.

For SAN FRANCISCO, via ISTHMUS OF PANAMA: Steam-ship ODLON.....

Connecting for Central and South America and Mexico.

For SAN FRANCISCO, to JAPAN and CHINA: Steam-ship CITY OF PEKING, Saturday, Feb. 7, noon.

From SAN FRANCISCO to HONOLULU, NEW-ZEALAND, and AUSTRALIA:

Steam-ship CITY OF NEW-YORK.....Mon., Jan. 19, noon.

For freight or general information apply to company's office, on the pier, foot of Canal-st., North River.

Passengers forwarded to SAN FRANCISCO, SANDWICH ISLANDS, CITY OF PEKING, CHINA, NEW-ZEALAND, AUSTRALIA, SOUTH AMERICA, CENTRAL AMERICA, and MEXICAN PORTS.

For freight or passage, or information in regard to routes apply to the Passenger Department, No. 237 BROADWAY.

G. T. SEWALL, H. J. BULLAY,
General Passenger Agent. Superintendent.

NEW-YORK, HAVANA, AND MEXICAN S. S. LINE.

Steamers leave Pier No. 3 North River at 3 P. M.

FOR HAVANA DIRECT.

AND VERA CRUZ VIA HAVANA.

Calling at PROGRESO, CAMPECHE, and FRONTERA.

CITY OF VERA CRUZ, (Havana & Mexico,) Sat., Jan. 24
*CITY OF WASHINGTON, (Havana only,) Thurs. Jan. 29
*CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, (Havana & Mexico,) Sat. Feb. 7
*CITY OF WASHINGTON, (Havana only,) Thurs. Feb. 12

*Model 3 in class, small table service. No extra charge. Steamer CITY OF MEXICO will leave New-Orleans 26, and Feb. 16 for Vera Cruz via Regelo, Tampico, and Tuxpan, connecting with steamers for Havana and New-York.

F. ALEXANDRE & SONS, Nos. 51 and 53 Broadway.

CHARLESTON LINE.

FROM PIER NO. 27 NORTH RIVER, at 3 P. M.

Steamer GEO. W. ELDER.....WEDNESDAY, Jan. 14
Steamer CITY OF ATLANTA.....SATURDAY, Jan. 17

FLORIDA, THE SOUTH, AND SOUTHWEST.

For freight or passage apply to
JAMES W. QUINTARD & CO., Agents, office on the pier, or S. D. HASELL, Gen'l Agent, No. 217 Broadway.

NEW-YORK AND HAVANA DIRECT MAIL LINE.

These first-class steam-ships sail regularly at 3 P. M. from Pier No. 9 North River, as follows:

CITY OF VERA CRUZ, Capt. Van Scoy.....WED., Jan. 21
SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Capt. Foote.....SAT., Jan. 31

(Assignment of steamers unannounced.) For freight or passage apply to WILLIAM ROADES & CO., No. 55 Broadway; HAWTON BROS., Agents in Havana.

NEW-YORK AND CUBA MAIL S. S. LINE

FOR HAVANA DIRECT.

FROM PIER NO. 16 EAST RIVER, AT 3 P. M.

Magnificent accommodations for passengers.

E. A. SAMATOG.....Thursday, Jan. 15
E. S. NIAGARA.....Saturday, Jan. 24

JAMES E. WARD & CO., No. 113 Wall-st.

NASSAU, N.P.—VIA JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Steamer ROSE. The elegant business Western Texas sails Jan. 14, from Jacksonville, Jan. 21. Departures weekly thereafter.—From New-York, Friday; from Florida, Wednesday.

C. M. MALLORY & CO., or R. W. PARSONS,
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A YOUNG ENGLISH ATTORNEY'S COOL SCHEME OF SUICIDE—A REMARKABLE LETTER IN WHICH HE EXPLAINS HIS ACT, AND DIRECTS THE DISPOSITION OF HIS BODY AND HIS PROPERTY.

Annie Leahy, a laundress, went to the rooms of Mr. G. C. Morrell, in the University Building, on the east side of Washington-square, to get soiled linen, shortly after 10 o'clock yesterday morning, and on opening the door saw a man lying on a lounge in the room, partially covered with bed-clothes. She at first supposed it was Mr. Morrell, and was about to retire, but on looking more closely at him she saw a stream of blood trickling from his left ear over the bed-clothes and forming a small pool on the carpet beside the lounge. She screamed for help and summoned the janitress of the building, who recognized the person on the lounge as Mr. Henry A. Holland, a young lawyer, an intimate friend of and frequent visitor to Mr. Morrell. He was dead, and a bullet-wound in the left ear and a revolver found on the floor, where it had fallen from his hand, clearly indicated the cause of death. He was attired in his night-clothes, and was lying on his back, his left hand almost touching the carpet in front of the lounge. Mr. Morrell and Mr. Edward H. Mooran, a lawyer, of No. 196 Broadway, were informed of what had occurred, and they were soon at the University Building. Mr. Mooran said that Holland was a lawyer, having an office in the same building with him. He was 30 years of age, and was a native of England. He was very respectably connected, his father being a clergyman residing in Bath, England. Holland was a schoolmate of Mr. Mooran and was a graduate of Oxford. He came to this country nearly six years ago, and Mr. Mooran employed him as managing clerk. He held that position for one year, when he was admitted to the Bar and began to practice law on his own account. He had not much business, but did not appear to be in want of money, as he received periodical remittances from his friends in England. For over five years he lived in the family of Mr. Mooran, at No. 342 East One Hundred and Twenty-fourth-street. He was a bright, pleasant man, passionately fond of field sports, and an enthusiastic cricketer. He was a member of the St. George's Cricket Club, in this City, of which Mr. Mooran is also a member. Mr. Mooran said he last saw Holland alive on Saturday evening. He was then in his usual spirits. He expected him at the office yesterday, and was terribly shocked at his tragic death. He said Holland was not financially embarrassed to his knowledge, nor did he know of any reason which could have induced his friend to put an end to his existence. Mr. G. C. Morrell, who is employed by the firm of Palen & Co., of No. 87 Gold-street, said that Holland was his most intimate friend. He spent Saturday night and Sunday in his company. They went out together on Sunday evening, and returned to Mr. Morrell's rooms at 9 o'clock. Holland, who appeared as happy and cheerful as usual, proposed to sleep in the room, and, as had been frequently done, a bed was made up for him on the lounge. They both retired at 9:30 o'clock. Morrell arose at 7 o'clock yesterday morning. Holland was awake, but did not get up. The friends chatted while Morrell was dressing, and when the latter left the room, shortly before 8 o'clock, he told Holland he had better get up, and Holland replied that he would. Morrell then left, and did not see his friend alive again. He was sure that Holland was not in any pecuniary or other trouble, and he professed to be ignorant of any motive for the act of self-destruction. Holland had made an appointment to meet Messrs. Mooran and Morrell at the annual meeting of the St. George's Cricket Club, which was held last night. On inquiry in the University Building it was learned that a negro employed on the premises heard a pistol-shot at 8:30 A. M., but paid no attention to it.

On a table beside the lounge on which Holland died was found an open letter without any address, and which he had evidently written after his friend Morrell had left him alone. The letter is as follows:

UNIVERSITY BUILDING, Jan. 12, 1880.

I wish to say that I am perfectly sane, that I simply end my life because I have arrived at a point when it appears to me not to be worth while to struggle any longer. I have no money. Two notes, one made by me and indorsed by Louis J. Grant, now overdue, and one made by Louis J. Grant and indorsed by me, and due Feb. 2, are my only liabilities, (each being for $150,) except $22 which I owe Samuel Purdy, Jr. To meet these I have as assets $150 due me for professional services rendered the estate of Abraham Morrell, deceased, and my bill for which is in the hands of Mr. Middleton, the banker, at Washington. Also I am one of the administrators. Joseph E. Urban owes me a balance of $60, for services rendered in his bankruptcy, out of which I have agreed to pay whatever small fees may be now necessary to get his discharge. (I suppose about $20,) and in a few days $60 will arrive for me from England. Of the proceeds of the two notes I have had $208. So my total debts are $230 and my assets about $250, and I sincerely hope that my assets will be collected and my debts paid. What I have done with my money, which was only a small amount, is of no importance; maybe I spent it, maybe I gambled it away, maybe I lost it. I had at one time an intention of accounting for its loss by stock speculation, and so told two or three of my friends that I was engaged in Wall-street. It was a harmless deception, made without any intent to defraud any one, that I never bought or sold a share of stock in America. So much for my worldly affairs; that is, as far as America is concerned. Next in order is my burial. I should like to be cremated, only I don't wish to put my family at home to more expense than I can help, and it really does not much matter what I become of my body when I have done with it. I am sure that a very small sum will put it somewhere out of the way, and my father would certainly repay it to whomsoever may be kind enough to advance it, and thus dispose of all my business as far as I can dispose of it, for my English affairs would take so many years to liquidate that I cannot wait to do it. I leave them as they are; one of my sisters is the worst loser by my death, and has for the last month been the only reason for my living on in the hope of seeing an opening ahead, but I cannot protract the struggle any longer.

I do not wish to give the reason which is really the moving cause of my action. I will simply state generally that the attainment of my one object in life is impossible—that without it life is less than worthless to me, and so, as you see, I end it. I have never told any one or even hinted to any one what I want. It would do no good. Let us say it is riches, which is so far true that riches might help me to get it if I had them. I wish now, in saying good-bye to the world, to thank all my friends in America for the invariable kindness I have met with here, especially the good, kind family in which I have lived for more than five years. I beg them to believe that one of my keenest griefs now is leaving them. As for the friend in whose room I die I can only say that his friendship is sacred to me and good, so thoroughly trusty, that I know he will forgive me for this morning's work, and not bear an unkind feeling against me for it. It now only remains for me to say that I should like my father to be assured in his mind, and, indeed, all my relatives and friends to know, that I die trusting the great, unknown future entirely into the hands of Him who can alone control, if it be controllable; that if I thought it to be against His laws for me to end my life I would not do it, that my faith in His power and goodness is absolute, and that I put myself in His hands with as much confidence as I would fall asleep in the arms of my best friend.

Finally, I do hope that no one will think me mad. If I have not assigned a sufficient cause for what I do, it is because I cannot lay bare to the world what is the unattained goal I have hinted at without causing needless pain to myself and my friends, and, as far as the public is concerned, they need only know the fact that I have shot myself, and they will forget it in a fortnight—perhaps less. I have said my last say. H. A. HOLLAND.

On the back of the last sheet of the letter was written the following: "My last writing. H. A. Holland."

Coroner Herrman was summoned and took charge of the case. The following testimony was taken by Dr. Waterman, the Deputy Coroner: Edward H. Mooran testified as follows: I am an attorney at law at No. 196 Broadway; I have known H. A. Holland, the deceased, for 10 years; I first knew him in England; we attended school together; he came to my office five or six years ago, acted as managing clerk for one year, and also practiced law on his own account; I did not know that he was in any financial or other trouble, and had no reason to suppose so; he was always bright and cheery; I expected to see him at my office this morning; I saw him last on Saturday afternoon; he lived at my house, No. 342 East One Hundred and Twenty-fourth-street; he had very little business of his own, but he appeared to have money enough; he was well connected, and his father now lives in Bath, England.

G. C. Morrell, the gentleman in whose room Holland committed suicide, gave the following testimony: I reside in the University Building; am a clerk at Palen & Co's, No. 87 Gold-street; I have known deceased five or six years, and we were intimate friends; I do not know what could have caused him to commit suicide. He came to my room on Saturday night and remained there until the Monday morning. He was always a temperate man, and yesterday was cheerful and seemed happy. I left at about 9:30 P. M. on Sunday, and he slept on a lounge in my room. This morning I got up at about 7 o'clock, and remarked to him, "It is a trifle too early for you," and he answered, "Yes, it is." He did not get up, and I left a little after 8 o'clock. Before I left I said to him, "You had better get up," and his answer was, "Yes, I will." At about 11 o'clock I received word that he had died. Occasionally he would come and stop with me. He never complained of any pecuniary difficulties.

The coroner's jury were given in charge of Messrs. Brown and Morrell and were sworn to an undertaker's establishment. They will be interred in Green-Wood Cemetery to-day.

Having a game of chicken line season between the Manos and Fallenbaker clubs, in this City, Mr. Fallenbaker, the captain of the latter club, was struck forward and four of his teeth and lacerated his lips so that a surgeon had to be called to sew up the wounds. Rather this season he never thought of

not give any indication of suffering, and in a few weeks was in the field again playing with his club. He was highly esteemed by his fellow-members.

THE ALLEGED BANK FORGERS.

A PAYING TELLER'S TESTIMONY AGAINST THEM IN THE TOMBS POLICE COURT.

Detectives Pinkerton, Fields, and O'Connor yesterday afternoon took to the Tombs Police Court the three prisoners, Gilligan, Williams, and Ogle, who were arrested on Saturday, and accused of being implicated in a series of forgeries aggregating $50,000. The men were heavily shackled to prevent any attempt at escape. Gilligan and Ogle were both well-dressed, but Williams's attire was shabby. After being remanded on Sunday, the men were taken to Police Head-quarters, where they were weighed and measured, and then photographs were taken for the Rogues' Gallery. Detective O'Connor said yesterday that Gilligan's portrait had previously been in the gallery, and that young Ogle had his picture taken for the Rogues' Gallery of the Chicago Police, he having been arrested for forgery there, and also in Washington and in New-Jersey for burglary. When the prisoners were taken to court they appeared in the most jovial spirits, laughed and chatted at times with their counsel, Col. Charles Spencer and Mr. Charles Steckler.

The Phenix National Bank, upon which the forged checks were passed, was represented by Mr. Amos F. Macintosh, the Paying Teller, who cashed the forged checks. He said that the bank did not expect to recover any of the money it lost, but was determined to bring the perpetrators of the forgeries to justice, if possible. He produced three of the forged checks which he had cashed. They were numbered 2,224, 2,232, and 2,233, the first two being dated Jan. 6, and the last Jan. 7. The signatures, indorsements, bank revenue stamp, numbers, and check paper were all forged. The face of the checks read: "Specie and Banking House of Purss & Young, No. 40 Wall-street, pay to the order of ——." Beneath this were the names of persons to whose order the check purported to be drawn, and then followed the forged signatures of the firm, pronounced by Mr. Young, of the firm, to be perfect facsimiles of his own handwriting. On the back were skilfully-forged indorsements. The check No. 2,224 was for $1,240 50, purporting to be drawn to C. M. Bradley, and No. 2,233 purported to be drawn to Charles J. Burns, for $2,540. The check No. 2,232 is a peculiar one. It purports to be drawn to the order of E. Morrison. The amount written reads: "Eighteen hundred and twenty dollars and seventy-five cents," while the figures in the corner read: "$1,821 75-100." This inaccuracy slipped the Paying Teller's attention, it appears, for he paid the check unsuspiciously.

Mr. David Young, of the firm of Purss & Young, issued in all four genuine checks for small amounts to the alleged forgers, and they were respectively drawn to the names of M. Ellis, Charles J. Burns, George Somers, and George Lenix. The peculiar spelling of the last name excited Mr. Young's suspicion at the time, but as the amount involved was small, and the transaction in itself, as far as the purchase on his part of an offered bond was concerned, perfectly legitimate, he allowed it to pass without comment. He believed the man Burns to have been the prisoner Williams, Ellis to have been Gilligan, and Somers to have been Ogle. He is, however, uncertain as to which procured the Lenix check. Last week, he says, Williams came to the office and offered for sale a number of 4 per cent certificates. He was paid for them, but after he had left it was found the certificates were in excess of the number he represented them to be when he offered them for sale. Williams returned, however, to correct the error, and the difference, $50 53, was paid him by check. The man representing himself as Somers offered for sale a 4 per cent. bond and asked payment by check. Mr. Young said he preferred to pay for it in cash, but Somers finally secured a check by saying he wished to send the latter to his mother, who was in the West. Both Mr. Young and his clerk, William F. Martin, remembered having seen the prisoners in their office. Paying Teller Macintosh, although he picked out the prisoners from a crowd at Police Head-quarters, would not swear positively that they were the men to whom he paid the forged checks. To the best of his belief, he said, they were; but it was a matter of impossibility to swear to their identity. He did not know they were prisoners when he selected them in the crowd at Head-quarters. Justice Kilbreth concluded to hold the prisoners, and by his instructions Mr. Young wrote to three affidavits against the men, to which documents Teller Macintosh added his statement that the prisoners were, to the best of his belief, the men to whom he paid the money. Mr. Young testified that Williams forged the check for $2,540, that William Ogle forged that for $1,240 50, and that Andrew Gilligan forged the third for $1,821 75. The prisoners all denied their guilt. Williams and Ogle waived examination, and Gilligan demanded a full hearing. It was set down for this afternoon at 4 o'clock. The others were committed in default of $10,000 bail each. Ogle's father, Dr. Ralph Ogle, of No. 330 West Twenty-fifth-street, who was some time ago Democratic candidate for Assembly, offered to go security for his son, but Justice Kilbreth refused to accept his real estate surety.

It is understood that the detectives are now "shadowing" others said to be implicated in the forgeries, but they decline to reveal any particulars. Detective Pinkerton, however, said that the forgeries were extensive, and that one well-known bank in Pine-street had lost $18,000 at one blow, while another had suffered in a single case to the extent of $7,000. Neither of these institutions, however, would consent to follow up the forgeries.

FIGHTING COCKS IN YONKERS.

A RAID BY THE POLICE AND EIGHTY-SEVEN ARRESTS MADE.

On Sunday morning, at about 3 o'clock, the Yonkers Police were informed that a cock-fight was in progress at Michael Kennedy's liquor saloon, on Nepperhan-avenue, in that city. Four officers went to the place. Two of them entered the house, leaving two more outside to prevent any escape. The fight was in the third story. While the two officers inside were on their way to this third story they arrested several men who were attempting to leave the place. Upon their reaching the room of the cockpit, in which the fight was, and finding more present than they had any idea of, they adopted the ruse of making them believe they had the whole force on the ground, and directing them to guard certain places. By this manœuvre they put the entire company under arrest. Meanwhile reinforcements had arrived from Police Head-quarters, and all the prisoners, 87 in number, were marched to the Police station, escorted by the policemen. Forty-four game cocks, many of the finest breed, a combination pit, and scales used for weighing the birds, were subsequently seized, and cast in the Police stables. The prisoners generally gave fictitious names, and were then arraigned before Judge E. P. Baird, who fined them $3 each, which all but one paid, and were discharged. The one impecunious prisoner was locked up over Sunday and yesterday. The total amount realized by the fines imposed was $261. Among those thus arrested were many prominent men, politicians, and sportsmen. Capt. Mancin, of the Yonkers Police, has had several large offers for some of the birds captured, but has refused them. Judge Baird yesterday communicated with Mr. Henry Bergh, and offered him the birds which the Police had on their hands, and which have been a trouble to take care of, each one requiring a separate coop to prevent fighting. Mr. Bergh's agent, at about noon yesterday, took them all to New-York. The main was between Yonkers and White Plains birds, and at the time of the great five rounds had been fought, and all had resulted in favor of the Yonkers fowls. Of course, great disappointment was occasioned to the backers of the birds by the capture, as they were thus unable to get their bets and stakes. The White Plains men, on the other hand, were sure they would have come out victorious had they been given more time. One young man, a son of a prominent man at New-Rochelle, effected his escape from arrest by jumping from a third-story window, and running off in the darkness. The prisoners captured were from Hackensack, Paterson, and Jersey City, N. J., and Port Chester, New-Rochelle, White Plains, Tarrytown, and Yonkers, Westchester County. From overhearing conversations among the men, Capt. Mancin is confident that had the arrest been made at 11:30 or 12 o'clock, a larger haul, by nearly one-half, would have been made; and among those known to have left at that time were many prominent Westchester County officers.

A DOG'S DISCRIMINATION.

Deputy Sheriff Peel, of Hudson County, N. J., has a dog. That is not of itself a wonderful fact, but the dog is a wonderful fact, if the Deputy Sheriff's story about him is true.

"I take THE NEW-YORK TIMES every day," he says, "but several times during the last fortnight I have discovered two copies of THE TIMES at my door when I got up in the morning. We thought the carrier had left the extra copy by mistake till my wife discovered one day that the dog brought it to us. He stole it from some of the neighbors. With wonderful discrimination he never stole any other paper. Two or three times the carrier left the two at the door. The dog left THE TIMES undistributed, but always carried the *Sun* into the rear yard and tore it into fragments." The dog is only 6 months old, too. Sheriff Toffey says that his Deputy's dog stole his copy of THE TIMES.

ASSESSED VALUATION OF REAL ESTATE.

The following are the preliminary assessed valuations of real estate in each ward in the City for 1880, together with the increases in each ward, as compared with the valuation of 1879. Taxpayers have until April 30 to make their objections to the assessments. The books containing these valuations were opened to the public yesterday.

	Assessed val.	Increase.	Assessed val.	Increase.
1.	$1,653,653,910	$1,464,154	12. $9,921,050	$43,900
2.	24,450,960	677,840	13. 22,343,720	305,825
3.	34,073,920	548,890	14. 51,954,980	1,048,860
4.	12,747,395	154,150	15. 31,046,280	255,470
5.	26,135,800	193,800	17. 32,810,780	875,280
6.	21,926,850	380,200	18. 68,752,500	1,677,700
7.	14,115,950	131,150	19. 65,670,500	2,348,125
8.	33,308,300	552,225	20. 34,678,440	370,690
9.	26,636,470	96,860	21. 76,744,900	1,006,500
10.	17,427,290	262,630	22. 13,468,790	1,778,270
11.	34,987,700	1,250,950	23. 2,836,000	328,000
12.	74,994,360	6,078,185	24. 2,432,150	38,350
Total			$645,480,680	$38,153,417

It will be seen that the largest increase, $6,348,520, is in the Nineteenth Ward. This is caused by the erection of over 1,000 new houses there.

THE MARKETMEN PROTEST

A MEETING IN OPPOSITION TO THE UP-TOWN MOVEMENT.

THE WASHINGTON MARKET STAND OWNERS AND LESSEES INDIGNANT—A PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION FORMED—THEIR OPINION OF THE LEGISLATURE.

The stand-owners and stand-lessees of Washington and West Washington Markets are organizing what promises to be a formidable opposition to the enforced "up-town movement" of the farmers and others who sell produce. The marketmen are bitterly opposed to the recent order requiring farmers to stand at the new place on the Gansevoort property, and say they intend to fight that and all similar movements to the bitter end. Several hundred of the marketmen met at Smith & McNeil's hotel yesterday afternoon, and completed the organization of a protective association. Mr. James Kay presided. A committee which had been appointed at a previous meeting offered for adoption a constitution and by-laws for the government of the new organization, and, after slight amendments, the report was adopted. The title chosen is "The Washington and West Washington Marketmen's Protective Association of the City of New-York." Why the association is formed is very clearly set forth in the second article of the constitution, which reads as follows:

"The objects and purposes of this association shall be to protect the general rights and interests of every member, whenever the same may be endangered; to correct any abuses that may exist in the market (detrimental to the public); to take such measures as may be required to secure market property, or present its sale for other than market purposes; to consolidate politically when our interests are so imperiled as to require it, in order that we may secure just recognition of our rights, and if need be, to nominate and elect such men as will aid us to secure them; and in case the market property is sold for other purposes, and the rights of members are ignored, it shall be the work of this association to test these rights in our courts, and, if found valid, to secure such awards as may be made to each member."

Quarterly meetings were provided for, to be held in January, April, July, and October of each year. Officers are to hold office for one year, except the Secretary, who holds at the pleasure of the association, and receives a salary of $100 a year for his services. Only such persons are eligible to membership as are owners or lessees of stands in Washington or West Washington Markets, who must pay $1 as an initiation fee and $1 yearly dues. Considerable discussion was had on the question of admitting to the association merchants and others whose interests are identical with those of the marketmen. It was finally decided to exclude them and invite them to form a co-operative association of their own. After the constitution and by-laws had been formally adopted as a whole, Mr. C. A. Smith moved that the association be incorporated. A dozen gentlemen spoke for and against the proposition, and it was dropped. The election of officers was postponed until the next meeting. Mr. Smith Chapman then introduced Mr. John Nix, who spoke at considerable length in opposition to the "up-town movement," and in defense of what he considered the rights of the marketmen. He had been in business in the market over 40 years, and believed the marketmen were of as much benefit to this City as any class of men. They would go further for produce, and bring it here on less margins, than anybody else. There was no property which paid the City so well as Washington Market, except, perhaps, the docks, and the City was under more obligations to them. Mr. Nix gave it as his experience that the marketmen had no remedy for their grievances except by legislation. But in most cases legislation had to be purchased, and the association was placed in the unfortunate position that it could not go to the Legislature with a fair and square measure without buying its way through. Such a condition of affairs was a disgrace to the State. The speaker then argued vehemently against transferring the market interests up town. "Why should we go up town?" he asked. "Somebody up there—some powers behind the throne—have got a use for us, I guess. I can tell that some of these powers behind the throne have bought property all around the Gansevoort property. They want to dispose of that property at high figures. But they can't do it unless they force Washington Market up there. They found they couldn't take us up in a body, and so they said, 'Well, we'll force them up by piecemeal. We'll drive the farmers up first, and then some other branch, and then after awhile we'll gobble up the whole of the market and sell our property for high prices.' But there isn't any reason why we should not succeed in fighting them off now as in the past." Mr. Nix said he had talked with lots of the farmers who bring produce to market, and he found they were all very much opposed to being compelled to drive to the new up-town market stand. "The story that the farmers desired such a thing he declared to be false. "There's another big lever to force us up town," said Mr. Nix; "the Manhattan Market Building is a great big white elephant on somebody's hands. It was built under the Ring for us, and if the Ring hadn't been overthrown just in time we would have been forced up there within 12 months after it was built. They intend to get us up there yet, but they can't. Why, I wouldn't take a 100-feet square stand up there if they'd give it to me!"

"Way not?" some one interrupted.

"Because I'd starve to death, and I'm not ready to die yet," answered Mr. Nix. The Manhattan Market, he continued, was killed by Mr. Vanderbilt's railroad. "That's another thing we must look out for," Mr. Nix declared. "Mr. Vanderbilt is a big power. He almost controls this whole State. Vanderbilt is after West Washington Market for a grand down-town freight depot. He is a dangerous power—a great lever behind the throne—and we must look out for him." Mr. Nix again said that the farmers did not want to go to the new stand up town, and suggested that the association needed their co-operation. "The farmers are a great power," he continued, "and they really control this whole State. We've got to seek legislation. The right of petition is a sacred one. There are 500 farmers at Gravesend who will sign a petition to the Legislature asking to be allowed to remain down here. Let them know how many there should be permitted to stand in the down-town streets from sunset to 6 o'clock in the morning."

A gentleman in the room here interrupted Mr. Nix to say that at the new stand there were accommodations for only 400 wagons, while in the Spring the farmers drove 3,000 wagons to the City every day.

"We want the farmers to go hand-in-hand with us to the Legislature and get our rights," said Mr. Nix as he sat down.

After the applause which greeted Mr. Nix's remarks had subsided, Andrew Onderdonk, of Long Island, was called for as a representative of the Long Island farmers. Judge Cropsy said he knew the opinion of the Long Island truck-farmers, and they all believed the change to the up-town stand would be ruinous to them and to the marketmen. The speaker said, he had been induced to attend on that account that they are really hesitating whether or not to plant their fields. The speaker closed by urging the farmers to form similar organizations to that of the marketmen.

Mr. Nix again took the floor at the request of the association, "to refute the newspaper false stories that it costs more to handle produce in Washington Market than elsewhere." Mr. Nix insisted that the contrary was the truth. "There is no other place in the United States," said he, "where produce is handled with so little expense as at Washington Market. The charges elsewhere, as I know by experience, are double and triple what they are here." He added that grocers also complain loudly of the order requiring the farm-wagons to stand up-town. "The grocers," he said, "now require two horses and wagons to do the work one did before. One wagon has to go to the new stand for one class of goods, and the other has to come to Washington Market for other produce. So the new situation adds a great deal to the grocery expenses."

Mr. Richard H. Thorn said he believed the new rule would cause farmers to distribute their produce in Brooklyn and New-Jersey and hence a great source of revenue would be lost to the city.

The association then adjourned to meet again on Thursday, when officers will be elected. At the close of the meeting a large number of the marketmen signed the roll of membership.

FULTON MARKET.

WILL THE PROPERTY BE LEASED—MARKETMEN IN FAVOR OF AND AGAINST IT.

An adjourned meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund was held yesterday in the Mayor's office for the purpose of considering the proposition, which has been before the board for many months, of leasing the Fulton Market property for a period of 21 years for market purposes. Mr. John H. Strahan appeared in behalf of the Fulton Market Association, which has offered to erect a commodious and substantial building on the site of the present dilapidated and dangerous structure, and to respect the rights of the present standholders. Mr. A. P. Dorion and a few other persons who do business in the market were present to oppose the measure.

Recorder Smyth called up the question, and said he was not then prepared to act upon it. In his opinion, it would be better to postpone it for a week or two, so as to give proper time for its consideration.

Mr. Dorion said he was a standholder in the market, and that he and others were opposed to the measure. He believed that a majority of those who did business in the building were against the project, because they were of opinion that the market might be given over to private speculators. He would ask the board to lay over the matter for 30 days, during which time the standholders could come forward and explain their views.

Ex-Alderman Bryan Kelly said it would not be for the interest of the City to lease the market, because those who might get the property into their hands would establish a monopoly, and raise the price of provisions. He believed that since the market wagons had been driven from West Washington Market the prices of produce there had increased, and the Fulton Market prices would also go up if it was leased.

Mr. Dorion thought there was nothing to prevent the persons who might get the Fulton Market property from charging the standholders as much as they pleased, because they would be forced to pay a rental of $5,000 in the proposed new market.

Mr. Strahan—Is the gentleman not aware of the fact that the Board of Health has condemned Fulton Market?

Mr. Dorion—I am not. When Mr. Green was Controller he laid out some money in having the market repaired, and it requires only a little more to be expended now to place it in a good condition. As to the health of the place, I am an illustration of that fact. [Laughter.] No new market is needed.

Mr. Strahan remarked that it would be shown that the standholders were in favor of the movement to lease the property and have a proper building erected thereon.

The further consideration of the matter was then postponed until Saturday, the 24th inst.

THE LATE MR. BOGERT.

HIS FUNERAL AT HACKENSACK—CONCLUSION OF THE INQUEST.

No more largely-attended funeral ever took place in Hackensack, N. J., than that of Benjamin C. Bogert, the late Treasurer of the Produce Exchange, which was held in that village yesterday afternoon. The house was crowded with the townspeople, and a large number of members of the Produce Exchange and of the Masonic order, who arrived on the afternoon train, were obliged to content themselves with a position on the grounds during the ceremony. The hour of the funeral was so unseasonable for business men in this City that many of Mr. Bogert's "old" associates were prevented from attending. The Produce Exchange did not send a committee to represent it, but among the members who were present were Henry W. Smith, Fanning Alberts, ex-Treasurer William R. Phillips, W. O. La Bough, William Oakley, Charles Moses, C. H. S. Van Riper, James Boughton, Joseph Dairymple, E. E. Van Riper, W. W. Bruce, James W. McChesney, and Messrs. Halliday, Dowling, Bostwick, and VanWagenen. The townspeople present included ex-Senator George E. Dayton, ex-Assemblyman J. J. Anderson, ex-Sheriff Herring, Garrett Acketson, President of the New-York and New-Jersey Railroad; David Terhune, William Hiller, William De Wolf, William S. Banta, Lucas Van Buskirk, G. Olds, Col. Thomas Christal, and H. D. Winton. Adelphic Lodge, No. 348 F. and A. M., to which Mr. Bogert belonged, was represented. The body of Mr. Bogert lay in the front parlor, inclosed in a plain black-cloth-covered casket. His features were strikingly life-like. At the request of the family, there was no contribution of flowers, the only display in this direction being a simple pillow of violets and carnations, interworked with the word "Father," which was placed at the head of the casket. On the silver plate were engraved Masonic symbols and the inscription:

BENJAMIN C. BOGERT.
Died Jan. 8, 1880.
Aged 58.

Mrs. Bogert was unable to attend the services. Shortly before the appointed hour, she came down to take one farewell look. She fainted, and had to be borne back to her room. The group of mourners included Mrs. Bogert's sons and their wives. The services were brief and simple, consisting of a prayer, and a short address by the Rev. C. B. Durand, Pastor of the Second Dutch Reformed Church, and singing by a village choir of the hymn, "Just as I am, without one plea." At their conclusion an opportunity of viewing the body was afforded. The interment was in the family plot in the New-York Cemetery, about three miles from the village. The pall-bearers were the following-named residents of Hackensack: R. C. A. Ward, John Berry, Rev. G. G. Ackerson, John H. T. Banta, John W. Quackenbush, and C. I. Blauvelt.

Coroner Brady yesterday concluded the inquest in the case of Mr. Bogert. The only additional testimony taken was that of Dr. E. R. Belden, of No. 141 East Twenty-first-street, who testified as follows: "I was called in the forenoon of Jan. 8 to see Mr. Benjamin C. Bogert, and found him unconscious, breathing heavily and slowly, with occasional moaning; his pupils were greatly contracted, lips livid, pulse feeble, but not irregular; I endeavored to administer some stimulants, but there was great difficulty in swallowing; I had mustard applied along the course of the spine and over the epigastrium, injected subcutaneously a few drops fluid extract of belladonna and some brandy, attempted to administer some strong coffee by the mouth, and afterward had some coffee injected. I applied galvanic electricity to the epigastrium and spine, and remained with him almost continuously for several hours. I treated him for the toxicological symptoms of laudanum, which I believe to have been the cause of death. I was shown a bottle which would hold about six ounces, labeled "Laudanum—Poison," and containing about a half a teaspoonful of what appeared to be laudanum, which was said to have been found on a table in the room where he was found."

The jury rendered a verdict of death from an overdose of laudanum taken by himself while laboring under temporary aberration of mind.

There were no new developments in the Bogert defalcation yesterday. Receiver Demarest called upon Counsel Foster, of the Produce Exchange, and requested that nothing would be done toward examining the private books of the firm until after the funeral. He promised to open the safe and place all the books and records at the disposal of the Exchange early this morning. His request was granted. The experts who are examining the Treasurer's books have promised to have their report ready by Saturday. Counsel Foster says he has duly consulted with several eminent legal gentlemen in regard to Bogert's bonds, and they all agree that they are perfectly valid in law. Vice-President Pinker feels hurt at the criticisms that have been made upon the officers. He said yesterday that he challenged any member of the Exchange to put himself in their place and say he would have gone to the bank and made an investigation of Mr. Bogert's accounts at any time. Such a precaution would have been deemed an insult to the man.

EX-CHIEF ENGINEER CAMPBELL.

ANOTHER EFFORT FOR HIS REINSTATEMENT IN OFFICE.

When the walls and arching of the Forty-second-street tunnel fell down, in October, 1878 the Commissioner of Public Works ordered Chief Engineer John C. Campbell, of the Croton Aqueduct Bureau to ascertain and report the causes of the disaster. He reported that the causes were bad workmanship and the use of bad materials. On the day after he presented his report, the Commissioner of Public Works removed Chief Engineer Campbell from office, on the ground that he was responsible for the existence of the causes of the disaster. A writ of certiorari was obtained for a review of the proceedings of the Commissioner of Public Works, but, after a hearing of the case in the Supreme Court, Special Term, Judge Lawrence refused to review the action of Commissioner Allan Campbell. An appeal was taken to the General Term, where a hearing in the matter was had yesterday. Mr. Douglass Campbell appeared for the relator, John C. Campbell, and argued that his removal was improper and illegal because no adequate cause existed for it. The duty of the Chief Engineer, he said, with reference to the forty-second-street tunnel, ended with the preparation of plans and specifications for its construction, and he could not be held responsible for defects resulting from the laxity of an inspector appointed by the Commissioner of Public Works and from the dereliction of the Superintendent of Street Improvements. It was not his duty to supervise the construction of the tunnel, and it was unjust and illegal to remove Chief Engineer Campbell from a position he had filled for many years with honor because he did not neglect its responsible and onerous duties to do work which he was not charged to do. Assistant Corporation Counsel David J. Dean argued that Chief Engineer Campbell was properly charged with the construction of the tunnel, and responsible for any defects in it. The court reserved its decision.

THE BROOKLYN PRESBYTERY.

REFUSING TO MAKE ANY MORE INVESTIGATIONS—A SPEECH BY DR. TALMAGE.

The Brooklyn Presbytery met yesterday in Franklin-Avenue Presbyterian Church after organizing in the lecture-room of the Classon-Avenue Church. The meeting was set down for the second Tuesday in January, (to-day,) but for some reason was changed to yesterday. The Trustees of the Classon-Avenue Church refused to allow the meeting to be held at that place, so that it became necessary after the organization to proceed to the Franklin-Avenue Church. The Rev. C. H. Taylor was elected Moderator. After the transaction of some routine business a letter was read from Dr. Van Dyke asking that the charge of "moral rottenness" made by Dr. Talmage against Dr. Van Dyke be investigated.

Dr. Wells moved that a committee composed of three ministers and two Elders be appointed to investigate the matter, and that the Presbytery be empowered to cite witnesses, and that a full and free discussion be entered into, so that the case might be finally settled one way or the other. Considerable discussion followed the offering of the motion, and the whole matter was finally settled by the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Presbytery, not being aware of any report against the reputation of the Rev. Dr. H. J. Van Dyke, such as the action of the book giving authority for such investigation contemplates, and knowing nothing against his character, fraternally declines to cede to the request preferred in his letter.

The Presbytery soon afterward adjourned. Dr. Van Dyke was not present, but Dr. Talmage made a speech, in which he said all sorts of charges had been made against him in the last 10 months. If the charges that had been made against him were withdrawn, he was willing to withdraw all the charges he had made against anybody else.

PLEADING GUILTY TO BURGLARY.

John Robertson, the colored desperado, who, on the 24th ult., was discovered in the act of peaching up silverware for removal in the basement of the residence of Gen. John Hendrickson, and who had a desperate struggle with the domestics, in the course of which he brutally assaulted Kate Brady, the chamber-maid, was arraigned in the General Sessions Court, yesterday. Robertson, who has spent a term in State Prison, was indicted on two charges—burglary and assault. Through his counsel, Mr. Putnam Mitchell, he pleaded guilty to burglary in the second degree, and his lawyer asked that the indictment for assault be abandoned. Assistant District Attorney Rollins declined to agree to this proposal, and announced that he would try Robertson on the charge of assault. Judge Gildersleeve thereupon postponed sentence, and the prisoner was sent back to the Tombs to await trial.

CITY AND SUBURBAN NEWS

NEW-YORK.

The glut of wheat reported in Chicago induced a bearish feeling on the Produce Exchange yesterday, and the markets were all lower.

An assignment for the benefit of creditors by Bertha Pollak to Ferdinand Fried, with $1,006 30 preferences, was filed in the County Clerk's office yesterday.

Mr. J. H. Haverly announces that he has taken a lease of the Fifth-Avenue Theatre for the coming theatrical season, beginning Sept. 1 next, where he proposes to play all the leading attractions of the country. He has also engaged a number of English operatic companies, which will present their specialties during the season.

On Nov. 7, John Rochefort, a butcher, and Charles Wilson, a laborer, entered the premises of Max Gartenmann, No. 347 West Twenty-eighth-street, and carried off jewelry valued at $125. In the General Sessions Court, yesterday, both pleaded guilty. It being Rochefort's first offense, he was sent to the Elmira Reformatory. Wilson was sentenced to five years in State Prison.

The funeral of the late Frank Leslie will take place this morning at 10:30 o'clock, from the Church of the Divine Paternity, at Fifth-avenue and Forty-fifth-street. The heads of departments and members and ex-members of the editorial and art staffs of Mr. Leslie's publication establishment, met yesterday and adopted resolutions of sorrow at the loss of their employer and of condolence to his family.

Mrs. Anna Kafka, of No. 11 Prospect-place, sent her son Henry, a youth of 15 years, to a bank with a check for $125 to be cashed for her use. The boy drew the money, went off and spent $70 of it with a companion. Young Kafka was arrested and taken to the Yorkville Police Court, yesterday. As he could not, under the circumstances, be tried for embezzlement, Justice Patterson sent him to the House of Refuge.

The German Republican Association of the Sixth Assembly District have elected the following-named officers: President—Abraham Tiskner, First Vice-President—Henry Weber, Second Vice-President—L. C. Bruen; Secretaries—William Jagel and Sebastian Goetz; Treasurer—M. Hamberger; Sergeant-at-Arms—A. Freidenheimer; Delegates to Central Committee—Abraham Tiskner, Isaac Lehrberger, Henry Schafer, Theodore May, and Martin Mondinger.

Patrick Burke, of Jersey City, a driver in the employ of Dodd's Express Company, who perpetrated a series of thefts while conveying the property intrusted to his care on the ferry-boats between New-York and Brooklyn, and was recently detected in the act, was called up for trial by Assistant District Attorney Russell, in the General Sessions Court, yesterday, and pleaded guilty. He was indicted on the specific charge of having stolen an overcoat and a pair of sleeve-buttons, the property of J. H. Mulford, Jr. The prisoner offered no excuse for his crime, and Judge Cowing sentenced him to three years in State Prison.

The election in the Municipal Police Aid Association yesterday resulted in the selection of the following officers: Inspector George W. Dilks, President; Capt. Joseph